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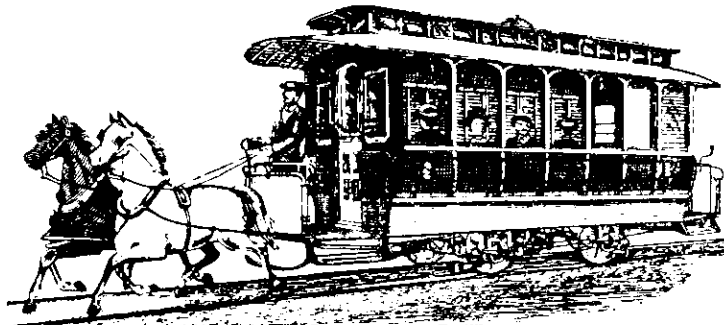
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The Editor regrets to announce the death, on January 7, of G.W. Gallagher, AVA #568, of Bremerton, Washington. An active member for eleven years, "GW" was an avid collector of just about everything. He delighted in the search, and in the buying and selling of collectibles not for the profit of it, but just for the fun of it. A man of impeccable dignity, he still had a fabulous sense of humor, and a way about him that made us all love the guy. He served in the U.S. Navy for 32 years, rising to the rank of Captain before his retirement. He attended, and held degrees from Harvard University, Boston University, and Ohio State University. Following retirement from the Navy he served as Comptroller for the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard at Bremerton, and two years ago was elected City Treasurer of the City of Bremerton. He was active in everything because he loved people, and his life was a long service to his country and to his neighbors. If there were more people like "GW" around, this would be a much nicer world to live in. We're going to miss him poignantly.

January 30, at midnight. Sometimes we just hit the bottom of the barrel and run out of publishable articles, and thus it was this month. So we come to you with an issue consisting of long lists of things, including a supplement to the car wash catalogue. I promised not to run car wash supplements unless you all out there had neglected to send me enough otherwise to publish on transportation tokens. So help us out and write something for our next issue. Meanwhile I do have a couple good, but short, articles for next month that just arrived today. I also have two pages of rare token photographs for next month. Also, together with this (January) issue we are sending you the Index to the 1974 issues of THE FARE BOX.

If you have an address change, it is imperative that you send it directly to the Editor. It isn't enough to send it to the Treasurer or Secretary. If you want your copies of THE FARE BOX to go to the new address, send it to Boston, please.

Dan DiMichael, AVA Past President, writes that he has been under the weather for some time, but promises to answer all mail shortly.

J.H. Roy, in response to my plea a couple months back, reports he sent \$1.50 + SAE to the Lakewood Transit in Tacoma, and lo and behold, they sent him WA 880 N & O, so apparently it does work sometimes!

Alan Weighell writes that Canadian postoffice delivery up there has been very slow lately, and he advises everyone to be sure to use the Canadian zip codes if possible.



= JANUARY SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE =  
By Ralph Freiberg

CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles 450 (Reported by Lazear Israel)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

RTD (LOGO) EXTRACAR RTD (LOGO) [on bus]

P o We 38 Sd Wooden Nickel United States of America (buffalo) \$0.30

[Along with other promotion ideas, this wooden nickel was also good for fare on new bus routes which started on April 15, 1973, and was good until May 15. Used for first zone fare on Lines 139 & 143, and also on Line 144 which went to downtown Los Angeles.]

NORTH CAROLINA

Chapel Hill 150 (Reported by New Issues Service)

"PAT" CHAPEL HILL COURTESY TOKEN

A Bz 23 Bar Good For One Bus Fare - One Hour Parking Chapel Hill (\* 11/1/74) .25

[PAT = Parking, Attendant Parking, Transportation]

VIRGIN ISLANDS

Miscellaneous 1000 (Reported by New Issues Service)

BLUE BEARDS TAXI TEL: 774-4854 CHARLOTTE AMALIE (ST. THOMAS)

U.S.V.I. [parentheses on token]

A Pr 38 Sd Good For 10¢ on a Taxi Ride (taxicab; white ltrs) (\*12/31/74) .15

V.I. TAXI ASSN. TEL: 774-4550 CHARLOTTE AMALIE (ST. THOMAS)

U.S.V.I. [parentheses on token]

B Pg 38 Sd Good For 10¢ on a Taxi Ride (taxicab; white ltrs) (\* 12/31/74) .15

HUGGINS TAXI TEL: 773-0138 CHRISTIANSTED (ST. CROIX)

U.S.V.I. [parentheses on token]

C Pb 38 Sd Good For 25¢ on a Taxi Ride (white letters) (\* 12/31/74) .25

CANADA - BRITISH COLUMBIA

Miscellaneous 1000 (Reported [B] by N.I.S. - [A] relisted from March 65 FB)

GOOD FOR 5¢ AT SMITHERS TAXI 24 HOUR SERVICE RADIO CONTROLLED

CARS SMITHERS, B.C. 847-2424 U.S.A.

A We 38 Sd Wooden Nickel (Indian head) .15

FOUR SEASONS CABS, LTD. TEL: 763-5000 KELOWNA B.C.

B Pr 38 Sd Good For 10¢ on a Taxi Ride (taxicab; white ltrs) (\* 1974) .15

ONTARIO

Toronto 900 (Reported by Alan T.C. Weighell)

[OBVERSE SAME AS 900 C]

F A 17 Sd Toronto Transit Commission TTC (in emblem) (3 maple leaves) (\* 1974) .30

CORRECTIONS:

Group 101 J - add comma after PARLORS

= NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG =

A couple years back we mentioned the Los Angeles wooden nickel and that it had been used as part of a promotion. Now we learn that it was actually good for a first zone fare on new bus lines that were started on April 15, 1973. The fare at that time was 30¢ for the first zone, but in 1974 the fare was cut to 25¢ for the first zone. These wooden items were mailed in letters to people with a flyer stating their use. As one of the lines operated into downtown Los Angeles we list the token from there. The offer was good for one month. A couple of years ago Steve Lipshie distributed some of these, so we don't know who has them and who does not. So N.I.S. will not

distribute them. However, Steve Lipshie has plenty of them, and any collector who wants one may get it from Steve for 25¢ plus stamped envelope, and any profits from the sale will go towards expenses of the 1975 A.V.A. Convention at L.A. Steve has a new address since the roster was printed. Address him now at 5270½ Bellingham Ave. - North Hollywood, CA 91607.

We are listing a token from Chapel Hill, NC, which is a combination token good for either a bus ride or parking. A few years back a 5¢ charge was sufficient for some parking lots for an hour's parking, but with prices going up, one hour's parking costs as much as a bus ride now. On November 1, 1974, these tokens were sold to various merchants, who give them out to their customers who then have the option of using them for a bus ride, which is worth 25¢, or for parking, which is also worth 25¢. It is possible that eventually the tokens will also be sold to the public. The bus line is a new service which began operations August 1, 1974. Chapel Hill, of course, is the site of the University of North Carolina.

Among some of the Miscellaneous taxi token listings this month are three from the U.S. Virgin Islands, our first listings from this territory. These will not be sent to any that don't want the miscellaneous tokens. But the N.I.S. does have a few extras so long as the supply lasts.

In the March 1965 Fare Box we listed a wooden nickel, and then forgot to include it in the Atwood III Catalogue, so we are listing it now, along with a plastic token.

We also have another token to list from Toronto. As in many cases their supply of tokens was running down and they had to order more. The 900 C was made in 1963 and listed in the June 1963 Fare Box. At that time Mr. Nicolosi was told that the tokens were made of "Anaconda Yellow Cartridge Brass (formbrite)" and made of 70% copper and 30% zinc composition. An effort was made in this last order to get a different metal but they could not obtain what they wanted and settled for aluminum. 500,000 were made by Sherriitt Gordon Mint of Ft. Saskatchewan, Alberta. I don't know who made the tokens in 1963 but the die used on the last one is slightly different, though with same words.

Speaking of different companies making tokens, a couple years back we were getting some tokens made by the Franklin Mint, but these seem to have dropped off. At the time of listing the Largo, FL 460 tokens, we did not know at the time that the A tokens were made by Meyer & Wenthe, and the B by Franklin Mint. However, since listing, additional orders have been made by Meyer & Wenthe, so you will be able to find die varieties if you look close enough.

I've also seen ads for a Mount Everest Mint of Willow Grove, PA, and for a Roger Williams Mint of 400 Charles St., Providence, RI, but so far don't know if they've made any of our listed tokens.

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= JANUARY NEW ISSUES SERVICE REPORT =

By John G. Nicolosi

First this month we are sending you the 3 1000-series tokens from Virgin Islands, and also one from Kelowna, B.C., Canada. Some have written me nasty remarks about these taxi tokens. If you don't want them just say so. I can really do without the sarcasm.

The other token you will receive is NC 150 A, good for a bus ride or in newly re-worked parking meters in the downtown area, or they can be exchanged for one-hour's parking at attended parking lots.

Regarding the set of 3 Netherlands as offered by Mr. Bingen (Sept. 74 Fare Box) there were not enough orders. We needed 25 and didn't get 25. Too bad as they are beautiful tokens. So the money of those who did order them has been refunded.

Thank you for all the very nice Christmas cards sent me.

This month we advance Capt. D. Drell, N.R. Mack from waiting list to Associate status, and Doug Redies, Bob Kubach, and R. Moyer, from Associate to Regular status.

Finally, I have just received Ontario 900 F, thanks to A. Weighell, and these also will be sent to you.

SOUTH AMERICA (countries of origin unknown)

F.C.U. de L. (1A in center)

998A o V 26 Sd Vale Por un Pasaje (1A in center)(red)

F.C.U. de L. (2A. in center with numbers)

998B o V 26 Sd Vale Por un Pasaje (2A. in center)(black)

(Only one 998 A reported so far, by Elwin Leslie, apparently only one 998 B, first reported as discovered in Seattle then sold to a Bay Area collector and now in Don Mazeau's collection.)

DENMARK (Reported by J. Somød as recent new issues)

Fredericia 250

FREDERICIA OMNIBUSSER (CITY ARMS)

A WM 23 Sd Fredericia Omnibusser (statue) .25

B WM 19 Sd " .25

C B 19 Sd " .25

Randers 720

RANDERS BYOMNIBUSSER 1974

E B 19 E-sc (same as obverse) .25

GERMANY (Reported by G. Fritz)

Celle 200

CELLER STRASSENBAHN 10

C o A Oc Sd (crest)(21mm) 1.00

Eisenach: add to 305 B that the Oc token is (19mm)

Freiberg 336

FREIBERGER STRASSENBAHN 15

F o Z Oc Sd 15 (21mm) 1.00

Görlitz 350

ELEKTRISCHE STRASSENBAHN GÖRLITZ (STREETCAR)

G o B 24 Sd Fahrmarke 1.00

Marburg 550

STRASSENBAHN DER STADT MARBURG (STREETCAR)

E o Z 19 Tr-sc Gültig Für Eine Fahrt (flash of lightning) 1.00

Mühlheim 670

MÖLLEM OP DE RUHREN 1918 (SHIELD) 1972 (24x19mm)

YAO B Ov Sd 15 Pfennig Strassenbahn Fahrgeld .50

YBO B Ov Sd " (silverplated) .50

(Above are commemorative issues like 670 A but with "1972" added)

Zittau 890

S.S.Z. (for "Städtische Strassenbahn Zittau")

C o B 23 Sd (same as obverse) 1.00

D o B Tr Sd " (23x16.4mm) 1.00

E o B Hx Sd " (22mm) 1.00

F o B Sq Sd " (19mm) 1.00

G o B Ov Sd " (23x18mm) 1.00

Remember when you report new discoveries, in addition to giving the exact wording and spelling and punctuation, to send rubbings or photographs. This is essential to insure accurate listings. Please keep the listings coming!



= SUPPLEMENT #6 TO FEISEL'S CATALOGUE OF PARKING TOKENS =  
by Duane H. Feisel

ILLINOIS

Chicago 3150 (Reported by: CM-Bob Knoblock; CN-BATS; CO-DHF;  
CP: Knoblock)  
BRYN MAWR APT. HOTEL (GATE)  
CM Bz 25 Sd Parcoa Token (gate) (rev. G, 1) [1970- ] \$0.25  
PEERLESS FEDERAL SAVINGS (GATE)  
CN Bz 25 Sd Parcoa Token 3 (gate) .25  
PEERLESS FEDERAL CHICAGO  
CO Bz 25 Sd Parcoa Token (gate) (rev. G) .25  
WOLKE'S FREE PARKING WHILE SHOPPING  
CP Bz 25 Sd (same as obverse) .25

INDIANA

Muncie 3660 (Reported by Jack R. Smith)  
IN AND OUT PARKING TERMINAL INC. MUNCIE, IND.  
B o B 23 Sd Good For 5¢ Parking [early 1940's] 5.00  
[10¢ AND 25¢ REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN USED ALSO]

MICHIGAN

East Lansing 3265 (Reported by Roice V. Rider)  
M.S.U. VETERINARY MEDICINE  
B B 22 Sd Good Only In Parking Meters [fall 1973- ] .25  
[MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY]  
Grayling 3380 (Reported by John Nicolosi)  
CHIEF SHOPPENHAGON HOTEL GRAYLING, MICHIGAN (INDIAN)  
A A 16 Ch (blank) (black printed letters, gold colored  
surface) .15

MISSISSIPPI

Hattiesburg 3360 (Reported by DHF)  
HATTIESBURG MISSISSIPPI DOWNTOWN HATTIESBURG  
PARKING TOKEN  
A B 22 Sd Good For Parking Only This Token Has No Cash  
Value Downtown Hattiesburg Parking Token .15  
Meridian 3620 (A relisted, B reported by William L. Carr, Sr.)  
F. G. RILEY / MEMORIAL HOSPITAL  
A B 22 Sd (same as obverse) [8/3/73- ] .25  
F. G. RILEY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL /  
B B 22 Sd (same as obverse) .25

MISSOURI

St. Louis 3910 (Reported by DHF)  
DE PAUL HOSPITAL PARKING  
P B 25 Sd South Side Lot .25\*

NEW YORK

Schenectady 3830 (Reported by non-member)  
H. S. BARNEY CO. SCHENECTADY (GATE)  
B o Bz 25 Sd Parcoa Token (gate) (rev. A) [circa 1956] 1.00

NORTH CAROLINA

Chapel Hill 3150 (Reported by TTNIS)  
 "PAT" CHAPEL HILL COURTESY TOKEN  
 B Bz 23 Bar Good For One Bus Fare One Hour Parking Chapel Hill [11/1/74- ] \$0.25  
 [PAT=PARKING, ATTENDANT PARKING, TRANSPORTATION]

OHIO

Cincinnati 3165 (Reported by Lou Crawford, Jr.)  
 COMM. CHEST BLDG.  
 O WM 26 Sd (blank)[circa 1969- ] .25

SOUTH CAROLINA

Columbia 3310 (Reported by Joe Studebaker)  
 SECURITY FEDERAL SAVINGS  
 D Pg 31 Sd 1 Hour Free Parking At Parkrite .25

TENNESSEE

Clarksville 3135 (Reported by Charles W. Patterson)  
 DOWNTOWN PARK AND SHOP CLARKSVILLE, TENNESSEE  
 A B 22 Sd Good Only In Parking Meters [1967- ] .15  
 (R: Top of IN aligns ....)  
 a. (just even with P--just even with S)  
 b. (upright of P--just even with S)  
 c. (P--S)

WISCONSIN

Beloit 3070 (Reported by DHF)  
 ELLIS THEATER (GATE)  
 B o Bz 25 Sd Beloit Wisconsin (gate) 5.00  
 Milwaukee 3510 (All reported by Knoblock)  
 G.L.C. [GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH]  
 AW B 25 Sd (blank)[1/73- ] .25  
 JEWISH COMMUNITY COMPLEX OF MILWAUKEE  
 AX B 22 Sd Parking Token .35  
 JEWISH COMMUNITY COMPLEX OF MILWAUKEE PARKING  
 STRUCTURE  
 AY B 25 Sd Parking Token .50

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

IL 3150 AK: add (rev. B)  
 TX 3810 C: add (rev. B)

= PARKING TOKEN NOTES BY DUANE H. FEISEL =

The major holiday season is past, and now most of us can again turn our attention back to tokens--I know that for me tokens had to take a vacation of several weeks! The immediate future for parking token news looks great as I now have a number of inquiries outstanding, and I am expecting a number of new reports soon. The next few months should see a wealth of new parking token listings!

Residents of the Bryn Mawr Apartments in Chicago can purchase tokens at a special rate in quantity. A supply of this token has

been ordered for PTNIS, but I have no idea of what to expect in the way of reverse die varieties.

The new listings for Peerless Federal Savings include a new Parcoa reverse; however, this new reverse is not being accorded any special designation as I think it should be a one-time-use. No one knows how the "3" got onto the reverse in the field under the parking gate arm, but it is suspected that the die-sinker picked up a piece of die steel that had been started for another die, or that had been set aside because the 3 had been sunk in error. In any event, the occurrence of the 3 on the die is an error.

The Wolke's token is another in the series for the company which was formerly Wolke and Kotler, the Kotler being the father of our AVA member Yosef Sa'ar (formerly Joe Kotler).

There is an interesting story behind the new listing for Muncie, and that will be written up for the next issue of THE FARE BOX.

The Small Animal Veterinary Clinic, located on the campus of Michigan State University, has associated with it a special metered parking lot. The tokens are given to certain visitors to provide two hours parking time.

The Grayling token is one of those specially imprinted Golden Circle parking meter tokens. A supply of these has been received, but the quantity falls just short of the total needed for PTNIS. Thus, a few of the more recent PTNIS subscribers will not be getting this token.

Merchants in Hattiesburg give out tokens to customers who make a purchase meeting a certain minimum amount. I got a couple of the tokens by writing to the Downtown Redevelopment Association; zip code is 39401. Send a dime and a SAE.

Apparently at least two different batches of tokens were obtained by the F. G. Riley Memorial Hospital, and there is a different arrangement of the wording on the tokens. The listing for the A token, originally appearing in 7/74, is repeated now with the slash marks, denoting line divisions, included.

Only 200 pieces of the new St. Louis listing were made, so the hospital does not want to part with any of them. The tokens are used by employees to gain entrance to a gate-controlled lot which otherwise requires a cash payment.

Nothing is known about the Schenectady listing except I have been able to learn that the H. S. Barney Company is now out of business; however, I do not even know in what sort of business they were involved. I suspect this token will be an elusive one, but perhaps someone in the Schenectady area will be able to track down a supply.

A real combination token is that from Chapel Hill. This token is also a transportation token, and both TTNIS and PTNIS members will

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receive it. The town sells tokens to various participating merchants, who, in turn, issue them to customers for a minimum purchase. The recipient may use the token for an hour's parking in the specially built downtown street meters, for an hour's parking at an attendant lot, or for payment of fare on the municipally owned buses. It is refreshing to deal with an organization such as the Town of Chapel Hill which was willing to provide information about use of the tokens and to sell a supply for PTNIS.

Visitors to the Community Chest Building in Cincinnati are given tokens to provide exit from the gate-controlled lot which opens only with a token. There was a problem of parking space being taken by people working at nearby businesses.

I have no information about use of the token at Security Federal, but I got one by writing them at P.O. Box 11629, zip 29211. My money was also returned, so I got the token free, but I suggest that you send 25¢ along with the SAE if you try writing.

It took a number of letters to get any information at all from Clarksville. The tokens are distributed in the usual merchants' parking validation plan--a token with a certain minimum purchase. No supply for PTNIS, but try writing the City Treasurer, zip 37040; 10¢ and a SAE would be appropriate, I believe.

The Ellis Theater token is one that has been rumored for years, practically from the time that anyone started collecting parking tokens. To the best of my recollection, someone learned that a token had been used at one time, but none were ever located until now, and then just a single piece. Undoubtedly it will remain a rarity as collectors have tried to locate this token in Beloit many years ago.

The Grace Lutheran Church has made a special arrangement with a hospital having a gate-controlled parking lot located near the church. Church members and guests use two tokens for exit from the lot in place of two quarters. A supply of this token has been ordered for PTNIS members.

The smaller of the two Jewish Community Complex tokens is used for surface parking, while the larger, and more expensive, token is for underground parking. Although the tokens could not be obtained for PTNIS, I feel sure that \$1 plus a SAE will get the pair of tokens if you write to Mr. R. C. Johnson, operations director, at 1400 No. Prospect Ave., zip 53202.

Another item reported to me is as follows:

CHICAGO TITLE

B 22 Sd (blank)

This has every appearance of being a parking token, but so far the specific attribution has not been made. Chicago Title & Trust Co., if that is the organization responsible for the token, has several offices in Chicago and surrounding areas. My inquiries to each of these offices has not produced any positive results. Hopefully, a collector from the Chicago area will be able to help us.

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= FIRST SUPPLEMENT TO THE CATALOGUE OF CAR WASH TOKENS =  
By Harold V. Ford

CALIFORNIA

Petaluma 645 (Nicolosi)  
FASTWAY WASH 42] PETALUMA BLVD SO. PETALUMA, CALIF.  
A B 23 Sd (blank)[incuse black lettering on obverse] \$0.25

COLORADO

Delta 240 (McKienzie & Nicolosi)  
"STAY IN YOUR CAR" CONOCO KWIKI (WHIRLAWAY SYMBOL) 50¢ AUTOMATIC  
CAR WASH 12th AND MAIN DELTA, COLORADO  
A Wr 38 Sd Five Wooden Nickels 25¢ ½ Wash or Free Prestone Wax .25

Denver 260 (Reidling)  
WEST JEWELL CAR WASH  
F Bz 26 Sd Meter-All Dallas Texas [used at 5420 West Jewell] .25

Pueblo 760 (Schmal & Super)  
GOOD FOR 25¢ ON WASH JOB CLIFF BRICE  
C We 39 Sd Wooden Nickel (Indian head)[1,000 issued in 1974] .25

ILLINOIS

Downers Grove 225 (McKienzie & Nicolosi)  
GOOD FOR-5-MINUTES AT DOWNERS SOFSRA 1543 OGDEN AVENUE  
DOWNERS GROVE, ILLINOIS  
A o WM 27 Sd (Sofspra) 1.50

McHenry 552 (Super)  
COIN CAR WASH CENTER MCHENRY  
A o B 23 Sd Good For 25¢ in Trade 1.00  
[This issue was too light in weight to register in the coin meters, so was  
not officially used.]

MARYLAND

Glen Burnie 550 (Super)  
KWIK KAR KARE 901 S. CRAIN H'WAY GLEN BURNIE, MARYLAND (INCUSE)  
C B 24 Sd (blank) .25

MICHIGAN

Essexville 290 (Super)  
ESSEX TEXACO  
D o Pg Oc Sd Good For One Car Wash (23mm)(white ltrs both sides) .50

Saginaw 845 (Hartley)  
WEBB'S DIXIE WASH  
B o Pr Oc Sd Good For One Wash (23mm)(white ltrs both sides) .50

MINNESOTA

Brooklyn Center 138 (Knobloch)  
NORTH STAR COIN CAR CLEAN ZANEBROOK CENTER (INCUSE)  
A o B Sq Sd (blank)(24mm) 1.50

Chisholm 160 (Skogland)  
NORTH STAR COIN CAR CLEAN CHISHOLM MINNESOTA (INCUSE)  
A o B Sq Sd (blank)(24mm) 1.00

Richfield 700 (non-member attending 1974 AVA convention)  
PENN AVE. PURE 73rd. 869-9878  
A o B 23 Sd Good For One Five Minute Wash 1.50

NEBRASKA

Lincoln 540 (Knabenschuh)  
 VANICE'S CHAMPLIN CAR WASH GOOD FOR ONE FREE CAR WASH  
 F A 32 Sd Big One Lincoln Nebr. (anodized red) \$0.25  
 [This facility is operated by Vanice's Pontiac-Cadillac, Inc.]

NEVADA

Reno 600 (McPheeters)  
 25¢ IN VALUE CAR WASH MOTOR WORLD FIFTH & WEST RENO, NEVADA  
 F o B 23 Sd (blank)[incuse black ltrs on obv.][obsolete early 1974] .50

NEW YORK

Oneida 680 (Super)  
 PETROWASH ONEIDA (INCUSE)  
 B B 23 Sd (blank) .25

OHIO

Ravenna 755 (ex-Unidentified, located by Tomberlin)  
 THE QUARTER WASH 811 SOUTH PROSPECT REVENNA  
 A o WM 27 Sd (Sofspra) .50  
 Toledo 860 (Super)  
 GOOD FOR-5-MINUTES AT SOFSPRA MCCOY SERVICE  
 2815 W. CENTRAL TOLEDO, OHIO  
 D WM 27 Sd (Sofspra) .25

OREGON

Lincoln City 475 (Millard)  
 WOODY'S TAFT TEXACO CAR WASH & WAX TAFT, OREGON  
 A A 24 Sd (blank)[obv. silver ltrs black background] .25  
 [Taft is now part of Lincoln City]

SOUTH DAKOTA

Huron 480 (Ford)  
 GOOD FOR-5-MINUTES AT HURON SOFSPRA MARKET ROAD & DAKOTA AVE.  
 SOUTH HURON, SOUTH DAKOTA  
 A o WM 27 Sd (Sofspra)[discontinued late 1973] 1.50

TEXAS

Paris 710 (Reidling)  
 SOFSPRA CAR WASH PARIS, TEXAS 25¢  
 A o WM 27 Sd (same as obverse) 1.00  
 Tyler 925 (Reidling and Ritterband)  
 TYLER, JACKSONVILLE & MARSHALL, TEXAS SOFSPRA CAR WASH  
 A o WM 27 Sd (Sofspra) 1.00  
 TYLER, JACKSONVILLE & MARSHALL TEXAS ROY M. PAIR  
 B WM 27 Sd (Sofspra) .25

VIRGINIA

Roanoke 730 (Pernicano)  
 MELROSE MINIT CAR WASH 3458 MELROSE AVE. ROANOKE, VIRGINIA  
 A A 29 Sd Save 1/2 Coins Redeemable For Free Car Wash at See  
 Other Side .25

WYOMING

Sundance 780 (Feisel & Super)  
 HARTL'S CAR WASH SUNDANCE, WYO.  
 A Bz 26 Sd Meter-All Dallas Texas  
 [This token is a borderline bronze or brass]

Edmonton 250 (Ford and Stewart)  
SHERIDAN CAR WASHS EDMONTON (INCUSE) TOP INSERT (ARROW)  
R Z 29 Sd B3 C6 (2 slots) \$0.35  
4th ST CAR WASH (INCUSE)  
S A 24 Sd (blank) .35  
4th. ST CAR WASH (INCUSE)  
T A 24 Sd (blank) .35  
[Alberta 250 S and T were used at 104th Street Car Wash]

Rocky Mountain House 800 (Stewart)  
ROCKY MOUNTAIN  
A A 24 Sd (blank)[shape as a bear head] .25

BRITISH COLUMBIA  
Dawson Creek 325 (Hill)  
SIXTY SIX 66 (INCUSE)  
C A 24 Sd (blank) .25

CORRECTION: NH 120 A is brass, not bronze

RELIST: Unidentified #27 as Mich 845 A (error issue, should be PAXSON)  
Unidentified #30 at Texas 255 D

This is the first supplement to the new Car Wash Token Catalogue published last summer. All issues in this Supplement not marked obsolete can probably be obtained by writing. Most current listings have sufficient address information on the token so you can write. CO 760 C, NY 680 B, OR 475 A all responded without street addresses. NE 540 F, being a larger city, would need an address. Try Vanice's Pontiac - 6996 "O" St., Zip 68510. The owner of the OH 860 D location can also supply collectors with specimens of OH 694 A, 860 A B, from his supply of "foreigns" for 25¢ each +SAE. The ILL 552 token, try 4705 W. Route 120, zip 60050. Several collectors have purchased tokens for \$1 each. The postoffice returned my letter to ILL 225 A and I note that it is not listed in the yellow pages. NEV 600 F and SD 480 A discontinued tokens recently. Reno tokens might be had if you visit the location and neighborhood businesses. The catalogue value listed may be conservative. The owner of SD 480 A states that he gave away his remaining specimens to kids last year.

I need some help from anyone who might be visiting Colorado Springs in order to check 230 N. Circle Dr. to see what is used and get quantities of each available specimen. Six or 8 different may be used at this location including black & red color varieties.

Horner's Auto Wash at 915 Lafayette, Bay City, MI, has several different plastic issues and I am not sure of the inscription since my letter to the location was never answered.

I have rubbings of several plastic issues from an ENCO SELF SERVICE CAR WASH to list. Probably from Colorado. Can anyone help with a location and specimens if still available?

For Tex 925 B try Roy Pair Real Estate at 212 Elm, Tyler 75701. For Alberta 800 A write to G & G Gas N Wash, Rocky Mountain House, Alta. Enclose extra for postage unless you have a Canadian stamp for your SAE.

Hartley and Reidling located the two unidentified issues. I believe both are now obsolete.

A couple of varieties (minor) have turned up:

MINN 730 A: on reverse the numerals 75 are (a) solid; (b) hollow.

ORE 700 A: on reverse the Sopsra logo has (a) no circled R; (b) circled R.

Please report unlisted car wash tokens directly to me. It's a new hobby, and there are probably hundreds of unlisted tokens out there.

HAROLD V. FORD

6641 SARONI DRIVE

OAKLAND, CA 94611

TRADE: SD 100 A; Tenn 430 H; Tex 60 A; Va 620 N. If no trade, then to highest bidder. SALE: Md 840 A 75¢, 60 T \$1; La 670 H 50¢. All 3 for \$1.75. SAE please.

Joe Pernicano - 58 Sonia Lane - Broomall, PA 19008

FOR SALE: NY 629 D 25¢, G 25¢, AH 25¢, AQ 40¢, 631 C 40¢, G 60¢, H 40¢, O 25¢, Q 25¢, V 70¢, 995 A 25¢. Please a 10¢ stamp for each 2 tokens.

L.H. Betts - 114-15 N.Y. Blvd. - Jamaica, NY 11434

WANTED: N.Y. State TT's (Cat. \$1 or better). FOR TRADE: MI 470 A, NY 695 A; OH 230 I PA 400 B, 515 B/ Also have 2 tokens used at ANA Boston, Mass 115 AG (listed Sept. 1973 Fare Box) to highest bidder.

Gary Pipher - Box 217 - Johnson City, NY 13790

NEW PERSONAL TOKEN now available. 100 only. One for one +SAE, or if none, one Indian cent. = Sol Halpern - 1032 N. Screenland Dr. - Burbank, CA 91505

DON'T PAY INFLATED PRICES for NY 760 D (Cat. value 15¢). Will trade these in any quantity for other tokens I need on an even catalogue-value basis; please send list. ALSO WANTED: copy of Lucius Beebe's "Cable Car Carnival," plus postcards showing views of Dubuque and Royal Gorge Inclines.

Charles E. Benjamin - 12 Kingwood Drive - Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

ATTENTION N.J. AREA COLLECTORS! Wanted - commemorative token/medal issued 1970(?) for 50 years of activity in airships at Lakehurst, N.J. Also any other tokens or medals featuring balloons or zeppelins. Buy or trade.

Gary Ascher - 506 N.L. - Sparta, WI 54656

MASS 305 C FOR SALE. Please send 50¢ and a 10¢ stamp to

Morton H. Dawson - 182 Whiting Lane - West Hartford, CT 06119

FOR SALE: (plus postage) Ark 1000 A 25¢, 885 A 50¢, 1000 P 25¢, W 35¢, X 25¢, Y 50¢; Ind 1000 B 25¢; Me 1000 A 25¢, B 40¢, C 25¢; Mass 970 E 35¢, 1000 A 35¢; Minn 600 B \$2; NH 100 A 25¢, B 25¢; NJ 1000 A 35¢, B 25¢; RI 700 G 50¢; Tex 320 G 25¢, 1000 A 25¢; Va 1000 A B C D 25¢ ea; Vt 1000 A 25¢; Virgin Is. 1000 A 25¢, B 25¢, C 35¢.

J.G. Nicolosi - 3002 Galindo St. - Oakland, CA 94601

MAIL BID: Colo 140 A C I, 260 L N O, 280 A, 300 A G, 540 C D, 600 A, 620 A B, 760 I L, 860 C D E. All plus insurance & postage.

George H. Wyatt - 32 Skylark Lane - Lunenburg, MA 01462

FOR SALE: Md 60 I \$3.50, J 50¢, Q \$2.50, T \$1.50, U \$1.50; V \$1.75, or 1 of each for \$8.75. WANTED: all Md. tokens, medals, old postcards, etc. Also tokens with Victoria portrait and Detroit P.C. postcards.

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I WILL send a 25¢ Southern California Rapid Transit District base fare paper ticket for a similar ticket from your area +SAE.

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FOR SALE: 50 diff. TT's \$7. 50 mixed OPA red tokens \$3, 29 diff. \$6, 28 diff. \$4. OPA blue: 15 diff. \$3; state sales tax 15 diff. \$1.50. Postpaid.

George Van Trump, Jr. - Box 656, Edgemont Br. - Golden, CO 80401

FOR SALE: CA 450 J 40¢; CT 290 K 40¢, 305 M N 35¢ each; DC 500 C P Y 35¢ ea; FL 130 D 40¢; MA 45 A \$4.35, 115 L 40¢, 135 B 60¢, C 75¢, 355 A 35¢, 550 B I H 55¢ each, 695 A 35¢, 760 A C G 45¢ ea, 825 A 40¢; ME 40 A \$3.50, 480 C 95¢. PLEASE ADD POSTAGE!

K.T. Farrell - 28 Woods Ave. - Somerville, MA 02144

PERSONAL TOKENS MADE TO ORDER. Raised letters only. 30% discount. Aluminum 32mm, \$35 per 500. Included dies & postage.

E.L. Tomberlin - P.O. Box 2295 - San Leandro, CA 94577

AVA TIE TACS, PINS, ETC. Sorry the response to my past ads in The Fare Box didn't obtain enough interest to make this project self-supporting. Maybe we can try again. Thanks to all of you who responded to the idea and sent cards. If there is any way we can do this idea in the future I'll be back in The Fare Box. Thanks again and Good Token Collecting to all. = Stan Heist - 123 Buckingham Drive - Rosemont, PA

FOR SALE: Ark 720 B,C \$1; La 490 A & TN 375 E 75¢; Ark. Merc. tokens (city & state) 3-\$1 or trade for like items. Also few sets scarce Ark. Prison tokens to trade for items I need. Stamp please on all sales.

T.H. Robinson - Box 8405 - Pine Bluff, AR 71601

FOR SALE: 40 diff. wooden Car Wash Tokens. Many obsolete circa 1950's. 4 sets only at \$19.75 each. Census TT's for trade for TT's I need. FL 310 A I; KY 85 B, 270 A; NY 630 I M; OH 165 H, 166 B; PA 260 A; TN 430 A; WI 95 A.

Harold V. Ford - 6641 Saroni Dr. - Oakland, CA 94611



STILL HAVE A.V.A. DECALS AT 20¢ EACH or 5 for \$1 plus small stamped envelope.

R.K. Frisbee - 211 King St. - Denver, CO 80219

135-piece Canadian TT collection in 2x2 and vinyl sheets for sale or trade for U.S. TT's. Cat. values to \$2.50. Send SAE for list. Also for sale: Alas 190 A B \$5 ea. Cal 760 K \$4; ILL 430 A B C \$5 set, 475 B C D \$2 set; Kans 980 A B C D E \$4 set; OH 10 A \$5. Send me your trade list.

Bill Garrison - 9505 Normandy Ave. - Morton Grove, IL 60053

FOR SALE: Pa 455 A \$4, 495 I \$2; NY 945 A \$2.50; plus SAE. WANT NEW YORK, N.J., and New England. All welcome at NEXT NEVA MEETING MARCH 8.

Ralph A. Hinde - 225-30 106th Ave., Queens Village - Jamaica, NY 11429

PA. CELLULOIDS FOR SALE OR TRADE. Pa 495 G \$2.50; H \$5. Or trade the 2 for two silver dollars. = Bernard Yagodich - 82 "K" Street - Johnstown, PA 15906

ALA 560 M; Ind 3660 A; Cal 3450 AD. British Railway hat badge and one button. Trade for TTs or PTs equal value. 26 diff. red OPA token \$4. Fairfield Ohio 61-62-63 dog tags all three 50¢ +SAE.

Joe Studebaker - 2614 Legare St. - Beaufort, SC 29902

FOR SALE: Miss 500 B 25¢ +SAE. Also many other hard-to-get tokens from my collection.

Lee R. Sanders - 142 N. Douglas - Bradley, IL 60915

NOW AVAILABLE: my personal token. Will trade for one of yours; if none send SAE.

Gordon Fitzgerald - 15530 LeMarsh St. - Mission Hills, CA 91340

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Ralph W. Winant - 500 W. Summit Ave. - Wilmington, DE 19804

NEW PERSONAL TOKEN, Angwin, Calif. (now that I am just moving out!), for one of yours or SAE. Also, 472 B & C still available.

Stephen Album - P.O. Box 4039 - Berkeley, CA 94704

WANTED: buy or trade - Calif 3045 A, 3975 C; Conn 3210 F; Ill 3551 A; NY 3628 A; Ohio 3830 B; Tex 3255 O; DC 3500 C; Minn 3540 B.

Raymond E. Olson - 32137 Oakley - Livonia, MI 48154

AUCTION: Mass 550 D E, 210 A, 235 A, 270 B, 760 A, 825 A. Cafe tokens for sale, 1940 type Twin's Bar, brass, 10¢ trade. Selling price 50¢ +SAE.

Wilbur P. Kane - 825 Belleville Ave. - New Bedford, MA 02745

SEND YOUR FLORIDA trade tokens, storecards, etc. Specify your own needs from foreign coins, U.S. coins, U.S. silver or bulk Indianheads, V-5¢, etc. FL transports on same basis. My needs are Fla 910 A B C.

A. Corson - Box 38-261 - Miami, FL 33138

WANTED: the following N.J. tokens: 145 A, 605 A, 997 I M, 998 A B. Please write with your asking price or for my high offer.

Bob Slawsky - P.O. Box 423 - Rockaway, NJ 07866

SCARCE & RARE TRANSP. TOKENS FOR SALE: Fla 380 D \$2; Ill 150 F \$90, 150 AH (listed Oct. 73 Fare Box--this is the only known specimen--\$100; Kan 450 C \$3.50; Md 60 AN \$4; Mo 920 C \$70; NY 630 La \$15; Pa 15 D \$17.50, 750 N \$27.60; Tenn 430 F \$100; Tex 360 B (choice) \$30; Utah 800 A (census) \$50; Va 620 F \$12.50, G \$7.50; Wis 5 A \$13; 790 A \$12.50. = David Schenkman - Box 274 - Indian Head, MD 20640

FOR SALE: Ont 200 A \$2, 400 D E F \$4, 700 C D \$1; Que 100 A B \$1, 120 A B \$1, 150 A B C D \$3, 190 A B \$1, 200 A(a) B \$1, 345 D \$6, G 25¢, I 25¢, 360 A-G \$7, 460 A 50¢ D.M. Stewart - 950 - 335 8th Ave. S.W. - Calgary, Canada T2P 1E1

WILL PAY 10X CAT. = FOR PARKING TOKENS: I need: SC 3490 C, 3510 A, 3840 B; Tex 3255 M Q, 3445 B, 3810 B, 3985 C; Utah 3750 B C; Va 3065 B, 3520 B, 3580 A B C D F G I O Q R S T, 3660 A; Wash 3670 B C; Wis 3410 B, 3510 A E F I L S V AE AP AR AS, 3620 F; DC 3500 G. = H.E. Mayland - 152 Parkview Drive - Union, NJ 07083

I HAVE ALAS 800 A, Fla 860 A; Ill 785 A; Ia 640 Sa; Md 60 K AN; Okla 640 A; Nova Scotia 850 E; Ont 125 A, to trade for: Col 300 E, 340 C, 540 B, 620 B, 860 E. Also have "good for" pocket mirrors to trade for Colorado merchant tokens I want.

Lee Nott - 631 Osage Drive - Papillion, NE 68046

FOR SALE: Calif 450 P (new issue) for 25¢ +SAE. Won't be handled by N.I.S. Profits will go to CATC for 1975 AVA Convention.

Steve Lipshie - 5270½ Bellingham Ave. - North Hollywood, CA 91607

TT's FOR SALE at 25¢ + postage: Alas 50 B; Ark 480 P; Cal 240 A, 435 A, 450 B I J, 575 I N, 715 T U V, 745 O P, 795 A; Colo 60 A, 140 D; Conn 35 E, 290 K N, 305 M N O; Fla 130 B C D, 530 C F, 910 H, 930 A.

Claude G. Thompson - 3757 Kipling Ave. So. - Minneapolis, MN 55416

AUCTION: AK 400 C; CA 575 Q, 715 V; IL 495 G; KY 480 L; MI 525 C; NY 230 I, 631 C; NC 980 H; ND 960 A; OH 10 M, 435 B, 505 A, 915 B; OR 700 I; PA 605 G; RI 120 A; SD 680 B; TX 255 Q; WA 840 D; WV 270 B; WI 440 E; DC 500 Z AD; timetable F; N.S. 100 B. Jack Backora - Box 53 - Flushing, OH 43977

AUCTION: NY 630 E, one of two known, minimum bid \$100; NY 630 K, minimum bid \$50; set 630 La Lb Lc Ld, minimum bid \$80. 630 N, minimum bid \$75.

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= ALL AUCTIONS IN THIS ISSUE CLOSE MARCH 1 =

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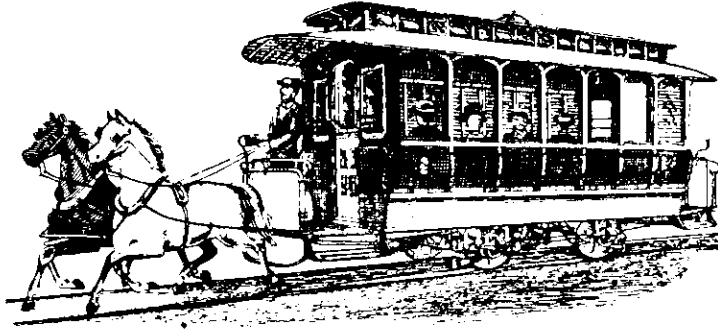
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ROBERT B. MCKEE

I first met Bob McKee on October 31, 1948, at the organizational meeting of the A.V.A. in Max Schwartz' office in New York City. He was thus one of the founders of our society, and a pioneer in the hobby. He held membership number 5. Bob was a civil engineer, a 1934 graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. In 1937 he joined the Army Corps of Engineers, and was Asst. Chief of construction operations for the Buffalo District when he retired in 1974. He had a quiet, dignified bearing about him, and token collecting added much to his life. His obituary in the Buffalo Evening News gives prominent coverage of his membership in the A.V.A. and his token collection. With retirement Bob was hoping to devote much more time to the hobby, and he came out to our Minneapolis Convention last August. He was a good friend with a ready smile, and a staunch supporter of our hobby. We are going to miss him. He died February 11, at age 61.

February 26. Inasmuch as all memberships expire March 1 if you haven't paid your dues, this is the last issue of THE FARE BOX you will receive unless you have paid. There's still time, though, and you needn't miss a single issue. Just send \$6.50 to our Treasurer, R.K. Frisbee - 211 King Street - Denver, CO 80219.

We include two pages (one sheet) of photographs of rare tokens in this issue, and we shall have pictures much more often from now on. It is especially gratifying that we can now show you a picture (much enlarged) of the delightful little Greek horsecar token, which was described in an article by Yosef Sa'ar a few months back.

A.V.A. member F.S. Norman of 209 5th St. - Fulton, KY 42041, writes that he has been unable to answer correspondence because of family problems, but will not delay any longer in doing this, and all of those who have written him may expect to hear from him shortly.

Our Secretary, Don Mazeau (9 Settlers Lane - Clinton, CT 06413) says he just found a carton of 26 of the Second Edition of the Atwood Catalogue (1963). This book is valuable because the numbers in that edition differ from many of those in the present book, and students of early auctions in early issues of THE FARE BOX should have a copy. We'll be glad to see these old books, in mint condition, for \$2 apiece plus postage (postage is 34¢). Write directly to Don.

Masthead specialists will also note a slight change this time: Feisel's address.



= PRICES REALIZED IN THE SECOND AUCTION OF THE ATKINS COLLECTION =

(List of tokens on Page 195 of the December Fare Box)

1	\$10.81	38	\$4.10	75	\$18.71	112	\$10.51	149	\$4.85	186	\$3.10
2	8.05	39	10.81	76	18.71	113	41.50	150	6.85	187	11.10
3	15.80	40	6.00	77	18.55	114	8.25	151	8.26	188	11.10
4	15.80	41	10.30	78	6.85	115	11.67	152	5.81	189	1.60
5	3.35	42	6.00	79	6.85	116	7.05	153	4.50	190	3.20
6	16.60	43	7.85	80	6.80	117	8.26	154	3.85	191	1.60
7	11.00	44	28.10	81	8.26	118	20.00	155	27.85	192	3.55
8	4.85	45	3.10	82	2.25	119	20.00	156	2.02	193	6.25
9	190.00	46	5.81	83	no bid	120	20.00	157	22.50	194	4.75
10	7.05	47	5.50	84	8.26	121	3.05	158	7.50	195	3.20
11	7.05	48	3.25	85	8.26	122	30.03	159	1.61	196	4.75
12	7.05	49	4.50	86	4.10	123	82.50	160	3.00	197	5.60
13	1.45	50	3.85	87	5.05	124	9.25	161	8.26	198	7.00
14	1.45	51	3.75	88	4.50	125	5.35	162	10.50	199	2.75
15	5.85	52	4.75	89	3.01	126	4.00	163	3.10	200	2.60
16	5.85	53	3.75	90	15.15	127	8.25	164	11.85	201	2.13
17	1.85	54	35.10	91	7.13	128	ERROR	165	4.00	202	2.13
18	1.85	55	19.80	92	3.95	129	2.10	166	4.10	203	6.25
19	2.52	56	10.60	93	3.95	130	no bid	167	6.50	204	6.25
20	2.52	57	3.80	94	37.77	131	no bid	168	4.50	205	ERROR
21	12.16	58	1.60	95	7.55	132	10.20	169	8.26	206	7.80
22	5.30	59	5.55	96	5.05	133	2.45	170	4.00	207	2.35
23	16.16	60	5.55	97	23.50	134	3.80	171	26.26	208	2.25
24	8.95	61	2.01	98	8.26	135	2.35	172	9.90	209	2.13
25	3.00	62	13.00	99	7.55	136	4.10	173	18.71	210	5.81
26	18.85	63	4.01	100	5.77	137	15.35	174	3.00	211	10.70
27	29.79	64	3.90	101	5.55	138	6.85	175	6.00	212	4.75
28	27.10	65	2.01	102	6.75	139	15.00	176	27.85	213	28.60
29	20.55	66	13.50	103	7.30	140	8.26	177	3.11	214	4.10
30	11.85	67	8.50	104	4.50	141	4.85	178	2.60	215	3.25
31	3.15	68	1.60	105	3.95	142	1.85	179	5.00	216	7.00
32	3.50	69	3.60	106	3.65	143	2.30	180	5.10	217	5.25
33	3.85	70	9.15	107	4.55	144	15.55	181	3.10	218	6.45
34	36.10	71	15.70	108	15.26	145	5.25	182	5.00	219	13.60
35	21.25	72	25.07	109	21.35	146	6.50	183	3.20	220	12.75
36	15.75	73	12.50	110	3.30	147	11.10	184	5.00	221	2.60
37	4.90	74	18.71	111	3.55	148	7.85	185	7.00		

I regret that I made two mistakes in the above auction. Lot #128, unfortunately, was never in the Atkins collection. Lots 128 and 129 were supposed to be NM 100 B and C, not 430 B and C. You will notice that 430 C is repeated again in Lot 131. So no bids counted on that one. I will comment, though, that bidding ran close to \$100 for the token. Lot #205 was another mistake. ND 600 Da was never in the Atkins collection. I meant 600 Db. Top bid was \$41.20 for Da, if you're interested. The prices were, if anything, even higher than in the first auction. The price on Lot #9 is close to a record. The second high bid was \$186.50, and there were several other bids over \$100 for that classic. If you are interested the highest auction price on record for a transportation token, so far as I know, was \$240.00, for Pa 765 A. The purchaser, ironically, was Dick Atkins! One reason for unusually high prices is the collector who specializes in one state, and consequently is willing to pay more for the few tokens he still needs. Frankly, unless a collector is either far advanced, or a specialist in one or a few states, I think these prices are too high. But it's all a matter of priorities. Some folks would rather spend their money for admittedly very rare tokens than for something else. It gives them satisfaction and a lot of fun, and I guess, in the end, that is at least one of the purposes of life. New members who don't have a copy of the December Fare Box with the list of tokens for this auction may get a copy for 40¢ postpaid from the Editor.

= PROBLEMS IN CATALOGUING =  
By Ralph Freiberg

While John Nicolosi and I are sitting here waiting for results of a number of letters we have out, seeking supplies of new issue tokens, it occurred to me that I might share some of the problems that afflict the Catalogue Committee, with respect to listings. We usually try to resolve these in July when John Coffee makes his annual trip to the Coast. Many of the problems are ancient, leftover from the days before the A.V.A. was founded.

For instance, I have been harping recently on the difference between bronze and copper. I believe there are two varieties of Mont 140 A, one copper and one bronze, and the copper was struck, I am certain, before 1920. On the other hand, we do list a copper and a bronze from Kingston, NY 445 E and F. I never gave this much thought, but recently learned that these were both made in 1945, and all were called bronze by the manufacturer, so actually they are really only "shades" of bronze.

Then there are the Seattle & Rainier Valley tokens, Wash 780 G to L. We have always noted that some of these tokens came with a kind of black ink on them. Now I have learned that all tokens struck after 1926 were called "oxidized" by the manufacturer. Probably, therefore, these oxidized tokens, which are the ones we thought were black-inked, deserve separate listings. Of course over the years most of this coating wore off. This oxidized bronze is similar to what we call "gun metal plated" elsewhere in the book.

I have also just learned that steel tokens were struck, similar to NJ 555 E, and presumably put into use. Now these are not patterns. They were ordered in steel. But no one has come up with a steel. If you would check your NJ 555 E, someone out there may have a steel without knowing it. Just put a magnet on the token. Some of our steels look just like white metal.

Another steel token that no one has ever come up with, but which we know was issued, is a token just like La 30 A B C. People owning La 30 B or C should check the token with a magnet. Even though we know the tokens were struck, we don't like to list them unless someone actually owns them, or has seen them.

In the June 1974 Fare Box I mentioned a token for LINCOLN TRAIN, which probably is an amusement ride somewhere. Now I have learned that tokens were also made up for a BAYOU SAFARI RAILROAD. This is a 26mm bronze one. Amusement rides are hard to locate, as there is no comprehensive listing that includes all the little ones designed primarily for children. I hope some reader can help us on these. Incidentally if you ever ride one of these little trains, be sure to check for tokens. See if they use a turnstile, as often tokens are used with turnstiles. But simply ask questions. Some members don't collect amusement ride tokens, but many do, and we want to list them even if not everybody saves them.

Then there is the problem of the Bear Mountain tokens of New York State. The Palisades Interstate Park Commission issued the white metal 23mm token which we have listed as NY 78 A. But there are also P.I.P.C. tokens in bronze and oxidized white metal, both 23mm, and there is a 29mm brass P.I.P.C. token! I understand the large token is for a swimming pool, used in a turnstile. So we do not list it, of course. But we'd like to know what the bronze and oxidized white metal 23mm tokens are used for. If they are used exclusively for rides, then we should list them. But we won't list them till we know for certain, as they might be for just about anything. Some New York or north Jersey collector could get up there and find this out for us, but sometimes it's pretty hard to get any action out of Fun City.

Then there is the problem of the non-revenue tokens--tokens used on publicly-owned highways and bridges for police, employees, construction people, etc. RI 520 K is such a token. I've been wondering if it should really be listed under Newport, or perhaps under a separate classification for the R.I. Turnpike & Bridge Authority. Incidentally this token should be listed as 27mm. I didn't have the token when it was first listed, hence the error in listing it as 26mm. But the big news is that I just learned that, in addition to the token with the red center, there are also tokens with a blue center for police & fire departments; green center for the engineering firm; yellow center for contractors, as well as the red center which was for employees! The trouble is, no collector--so far as I know--owns any of these except the

red-centered one. A few of those are in the hands of collectors. So, while we know of the existence of these other non-revenue tokens we hesitate to list them until at least we've seen them. They aren't being used now, and the Authority has them all bagged up and refuses to part with even a single one. Dealing with public authorities is always a little sticky, and as time goes by more and more transportation facilities are coming under public ownership, which means tokens, except those generally available to the public, will be increasingly difficult to obtain for collection. But we have our ways, and in the end we usually get them. Legally, of course.

One other problem is tokens with a signature in script on them. We usually designate this simply as "name in script," but lately it has been brought to my attention that "facsimile of signature" would be more precise. There is an important difference. Over the years we've done our best to decipher these facsimile signatures, and as often as not we make the wrong guess. For example, on the tokens of Saginaw, Mich 845 J and K, we read the signature as "Chas. G. Oahaus." I've just learned that wasn't his name at all. It was "Chas. G. Oakman." People often write their signatures in such a way as to be difficult to read, and it would seem from our experience that transit executives are among the worst offenders in this regard!

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= SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CLUB PREPARES FOR A.V.A. CONVENTION =  
By Robert M. Ritterband

Members of the California Association of Token Collectors held their first meeting of 1975 on Sunday, January 19, at the home of club secretary Elaine Willahan in Los Angeles. As always there was a big turnout of collectors, this time totalling 22 plus three family guests. Members included: Allred, Alpert, Atwood, Barnes, Carter, Crusen, Hawthorne, Kubach, Lipshie, Manning, Miller, Pearson, Ritterband, F.G. Smith, Ken & Kirk Smith, Thompson, Ticknor, Waldorf, Willahan. Guests were Pat Miller, Eleanor Smith and James Waldorf. The latter is president of the Numismatic Assn. of Southern California, with which this club recently became affiliated.

In addition to extensive token trading much time was given to discussions of the 25th Annual Convention of the A.V.A., which the club will host in August. The Ramada Inn at Los Angeles International Airport has been signed for the conclave, set for Friday thru Sunday, August 15-17. These dates are immediately prior to the opening of the huge American Numismatic Assn. convention in the same area on August 19-24.

The first two days of the AVA meet will be used for token trading, a mail-and-floor auction, business sessions, and a banquet with speaker. On Sunday morning a visit will be made by charter bus to the famous "Queen Mary" at Long Beach, with a souvenir token being struck for the round-trip ride. Finally as many members as can will attend an encore session on Friday, August 22, during the ANA convention, for a symposium on transportation topics.

A registration cost for all this has been set at \$15.50. "Early Bird" registrations will be accepted up to July 15 for only \$14, a neat 10% savings for anyone. To help expenses, a limited number of bourse tables will be available at a modest cost for any dealer-members who wish reserved full-time space on the two trading days.

Ritterband, who was recently returned to the post of CATC president, will act as general chairman for the gathering, plus the handling of registrations, bourse rentals and the Sunday tour. Other assignments so far include: Barnes, banquet; Crusen, finances; Carter, exhibits and trophies; Ken Smith, auction, and Mrs. Willahan, printed souvenirs.

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= TWELVE THOUSAND TOKENS RIPPED OFF AT WINSTON-SALEM =

Thieves recently broke into the garage of the bus line at Winston-Salem, N.C., and took 12,000 bus tokens. Winston-Salem Transit Authority said it would take about 3 months get more tokens made. We didn't even know they were using any. So, anyway, we'll probably have a new issue as a result of this, and just maybe we won't know what it was the thieves stole.

= UNLISTED MEXICAN TRANSPORTATION TOKENS =

By Les Hawthorne

Recently I acquired an unlisted bus token from Monclava, in the state of Coahuilla, Mexico. Monclava, as it proclaims on the obverse of the token, is the steel capital (capital del acero), there being a couple of steel mills in the city. On the reverse it has an interesting inscription, stating that the token is for the exclusive use of minor students. This is probably the first known school token to come out of Mexico. The date of use of the token is unknown, but it may go back as far as the 1930's judging from the ancient type of bus pictured on the token. Still, as Bob Ritterband told me when I showed him the token, you can't go by the age of the bus in Mexico because they still have some pretty primitive rolling stock down there. The token is as follows:

MONCLAVA, COAH CAPITAL DEL ACERO (STEEL MILL)  
B 21 Sd Transportes Monclava S.A. de C.V. Uso Unicamentes Estudiantes  
Menores (old type bus)

The other token to be described is one I have had for several years. I reported it to Ken Smith a year ago, in the hope it would be listed and then perhaps identified and attributed by someone. But as it never appeared, I am going to describe it here.

I have been told it is from Monterrey, Mexico, but I've never been able to verify this. A Mexican coin dealer and two other Mexican correspondents told me that it might have been used by some company for their employees, for travelling to and from their homes to where they worked. The coin dealer said he thought it might have been used in north Mexico, substantiating the theory that it was used in Monterrey, as I was told by the person from whom I obtain the token. The number stamped on its reverse could have been the date, or perhaps the number of the token if used as a pass and retained, to be used from day to day. The token is as follows:

IMMEX S.A. BUENO POR UN PASAJE (3 lobed cam or device)(large,  
square denticles around rim)  
Bz 35 Sd 43 (stamped incuse)(number 3 is over stamped with number 2)  
(a thick bronze token)

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= NEW BEDFORD SYSTEM TAKEN OVER BY PUBLIC AUTHORITY =

The new Southeastern Regional Transit Authority has taken over the Union Street Railway of New Bedford, Mass, but the USR will continue to operate the system for the authority for a flat fee of \$7,200 a month, until the end of 1975. The SRTA will also operate buses in Fall River, and any other communities that wish to join it.

The Union Street Railway issued a large number of interesting tokens. The first street railway in the city began service in 1872, as the New Bedford & Fairhaven St. Ry., with 7 cars and 12 horses imported from Prince Edward Island, Canada. In 1885 a rival firm, the Acushnet Railway Co., was founded, but in 1887 the two firms merged into a new one, the Union Street Railway, and in 1890 electric cars were introduced in New Bedford. In 1895 the USR built Lincoln Park, an amusement park, and later on issued special tokens for the ride to that facility.

The first bus was brought into service in 1923, and trolleys were abandoned in 1947.

For years we had a red celluloid token of the Union Street Railway listed as a pattern, but the token seems to have disappeared. At least I can find no one who owns it, so we dropped the listing. None of the New Bedford tokens are rare, but they are getting scarce. In the mid-1960's I visited the company and obtained quantities of all of them, including about 50 of the 550 P, the rarest token of the city. Interesting to note that one of these Mass 550 P tokens realized over \$18 in the 2nd Atkins auction. I sold them for about \$1.50 ten years ago. But what I got were all they had. The rest had been dumped into the Atlantic Ocean.

= A PROCEDURE FOR REJUVENATING CORRODED ZINC TOKENS =  
By William Crawford

A primary frustration in token collecting is deciding what to do with corroded wartime zinc tokens. Any exposure to moisture results in the formation of the corrosion product, Zinc oxide ( $ZnO$ ), a fluffy white powder. Since  $ZnO$  is essentially insoluble in water and all organic solvents, conventional cleaning methods (scrubbing with soaps and detergents, etc.) prove fruitless. However, a method of restoration has been developed.

$ZnO$  is highly soluble in an aqueous solution of ammonium chloride ( $NH_4Cl$ ).  $ZnO$  is also soluble in strong acids and strong alkalis, but so is metallic zinc, resulting in disintegration of the token itself! The technique developed for cleaning corroded zinc tokens is as follows:

Use a beaker or crucible of Pyrex or similar heat-resisting material, and bring a convenient quantity of water to boiling. Add sufficient  $NH_4Cl$  (available in some drug stores) to form a concentrated solution, and reboil. Remove from heat and drop in one or more corroded tokens. They will splatter, froth, and foam, but after a period of thirty to sixty seconds, all corrosion product is usually gone! Plastic tweezers (or a match stick carved to a pointed tip) are recommended to handle the tokens, since the galvanic cell established between stainless steel tools and zinc results in corrosion of the zinc. Also, since zinc is relatively soft, it may become scratched by harder materials. Since there is excessive splattering and evolution of fumes, use of a ventilated hood is recommended. The solution precipitates on cooling to a thin paste, but on reheating it may be reused. When it seems to lose potency, more  $NH_4Cl$  and/or more water may be added.

Although purists may disapprove, these tokens look very well when lightly polished. After cleaning, I chose to preserve my rejuvenated zinc tokens by dipping them in kerosene (JP-4 fuel) and blotting away the excess. I expect this will preserve the finish forever.

Overall rejuvenation time per token is approximately three minutes, in production quantities (greater than 25 or more).

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= THE CASA BONITA BUS COMPANY OF CHICAGO =

The little bronze token, ILL 150 U, is unusual in its origins. Casa Bonita (= "House Beautiful" in Spanish) was considered the height of luxury when it was built in 1923 as a luxury apartment house at 7348 Ridge Blvd. in Chicago. It had 66 apartment units, a 60-foot swimming pool, indoor golf driving range, putting green, handball courts, and most of the amenities which the latest luxury developments of the 1970's brag about. An addition to everything else, Casa Bonita had its own bus service connecting with the Howard Street rapid transit station, and this is where the tokens came in. The token must have been made in large quantities, because they are common as dirt today. The cut-out in the center is "CB" just like the Omaha & Council Bluffs tokens, except the latter cut-out is supposed to represent "OCB" though it's exactly the same as the Casa Bonita tokens.

What Casa Bonita did in the way of transportation has been done by many real estate developers, and today a number of luxury apartment developments around Boston have their own bus service into the city.

Casa Bonita, by the mid-1970's, had fallen into seedy times. Its glory was all in the past. But now, in 1975, the Uptown Service Corporation has bought Casa Bonita and is completely refurbishing the place. It will be converted to condominiums. A picture of Casa Bonita, as rejuvenated, appeared in the February 15 *Christian Science Monitor*, which was sent to us by Don Punshon. Casa Bonita today has a look of classic elegance, and we're glad to know the old place is still going strong.

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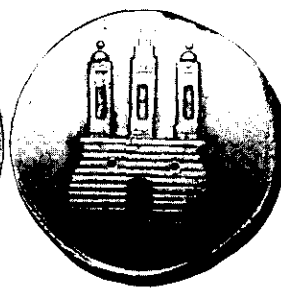
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# SOME RARE FOREIGN TRANSPORTATION TOKENS



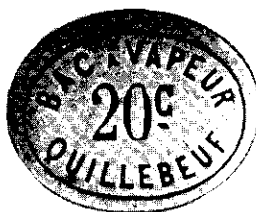
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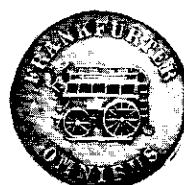
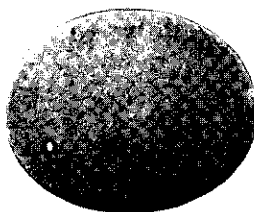
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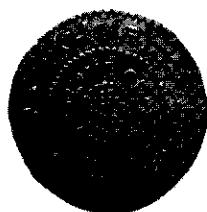
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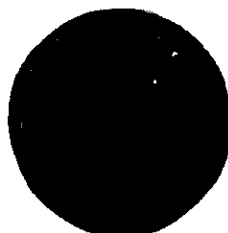
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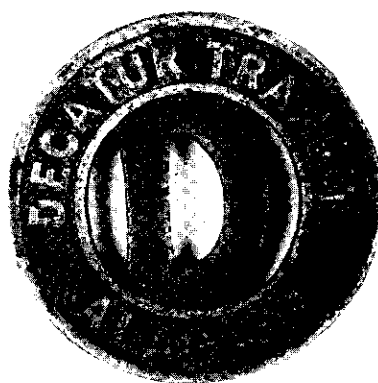
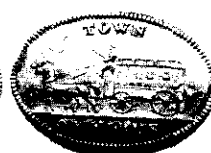
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New Zealand 100 A



Scotland 300 A



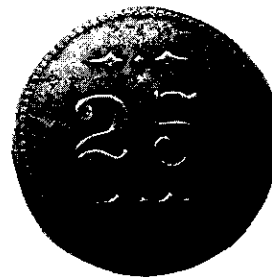
## THE RESTORATION OF A ZINC TOKEN

Above is Ala 220 G in 3 stages of restoration. At left is token as originally found, in a hideous condition of rot and decay. In center is same token after chemical processing by NH<sub>4</sub>Cl. At right is same token after tumbling & polishing, fully restored! (Photos have been enlarged 3x.)

SOME RARE TOKENS NOT PICTURED IN ATWOOD



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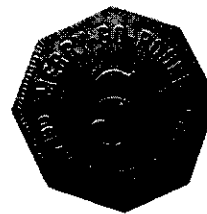
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Iowa 555 B



Mass 115 B



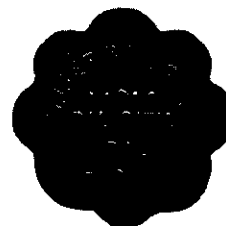
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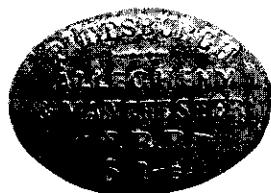
Ohio 240 D



Ohio 465 B



Pa 725 G



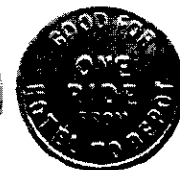
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Pa 985 B



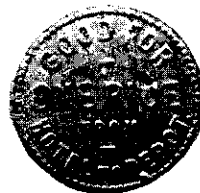
Wis 560 A



Wis 440 D



Wis 420 D



Wis 980 E



Wis 850 A



Unidentified #146



Unlisted Maverick  
Now in Use Somewhere



= WOODEN PERSONALS TO BE LISTED =

The listing of Personal Tokens issued by A.V.A. members has been limited to metal and plastic pieces only. Now, however, a listing of wooden personal items will also be made. Robert M. Ritterband, former A.V.A. president, will handle this modified cataloguing for THE FARE BOX. The wooden listing will be separate from the regular personal token listing.

Every member, past or present, who has issued such personals will have his item listed, whether the piece is a wooden nickel, a flat, or whatever. Personals listed or issued by folks outside A.V.A. are not listable now. So please notify Ritterband promptly if you have issued such an item, or if you have collected any from other members, and send him a sample whenever possible. His address: 6576 Colgate Ave. - Los Angeles, CA 90048.

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= DELAWARE VALLEY VECTURISTS MEETING =

The Delaware Valley Vecturist Association had their meeting on Sunday, January 12 at the Sheraton Hotel in downtown Philadelphia. It was a little disappointing as only 7 members attended. Present were Pernicano, Riorth, Jimichael, Hansen, Jordan, Biery, and Len Paul. Paul's son Tom came along and stopped briefly before going to Jenkintown to trade Boy Scout Order of the Arrow pocket patches, or more technically, flaps, with a collector up there.

Our next meeting will be at the old stand, Joe Pernicano's office on Sunday, March 9, starting at 12.30 pm. His office is at 1260 Virginia Drive in Fort Washington Industrial Park. Look for the Girard Bank sign.

Paul Biery offered to bring to this meeting his camera for photographing rare or interesting tokens, preferably Pennsylvania, but not exclusively. So anyone who wishes may bring his tokens to be photographed by Paul. He is offering this service without charge at this meeting.

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= FEBRUARY NEW ISSUES SERVICE REPORT =

By John G. Nicolosi

We had anticipated having several nice tokens to send along to you this month, but at this writing they are still pending. As a matter of fact we have all kinds of tokens, but they are all, for the moment, of the "pending" kind.

We do have six more of those plastic taxi tokens: four from Alaska, 1000 A B C D, and two from South Carolina, 1000 A B, so at least this month won't be a total loss. All members of N.I.S. will receive these six, unless you are on the "no want" list.

We've always had some members who cooperate and help us from time to time to obtain tokens and information, and we would like to have a few more of you to help us in your respective cities. These members check their local bus companies for new tokens, and often they find them. We are grateful for this help as of course it benefits all of us.

Some time in the near future we shall have some aluminum "1000 series" taxi tokens to send out, as well as a few more plastic.

The December foreign tokens have all been sent out to those of you who are on my foreign list, and as usual our sincere thanks to Kenneth Smith for providing these nice tokens for us. I do have a few more sets of these foreign tokens, as well as many other new issues, for those who are not members of N.I.S. Just send a stamped envelope for my price list.

This month we welcome Joseph Cooper to the ranks of Associate Members of N.I.S.

As we have so many tokens pending, including some older ones that we hope to get quantities of, N.I.S. members should keep their balances up. If you don't have enough to pay for the tokens, they will go to someone on the Associate List, and in some cases we won't get any more and you'll just lose out on some nice old ones. 'Nuff said.

= FEBRUARY SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE =  
By Ralph Freiberg

ALASKA

Miscellaneous 1000 (Distributed by New Issues Service)  
HAINES TAXI TEL: 766-5505 HAINES ALASKA  
A Pw 38 Sd Good For 10¢ on a Taxi Ride (taxicab) (black ltrs) (\* 12/31/74) \$0.15  
FLASH TAXI SERVICE TEL: 293-4705 KENAI ALASKA  
B Pb 38 Sd Good For 10¢ on a Taxi Ride (taxicab) (white ltrs) (\* 12/31/74) .15  
PIONEER CAB TEL: 224-5581 SEWARD ALASKA  
C Pe 38 Sd Good For 10¢ on a Taxi Ride (taxicab) (white ltrs) (\* 12/31/74) .15  
WYE TAXI TEL: 262-4534 SOLDOTNA ALASKA 99669  
D Pg 38 Sd Good For 10¢ on a Taxi Ride (taxicab) (white ltrs) (\* 12/31/74) .15

ARIZONA

Miscellaneous 1000 (Reported by John Nicolosi)  
GOOD FOR 50¢ ON ONE RIDE WELDON'S RIDING STABLE  
5400 E. VAN BUREN PHOENIX, ARIZ. 275-2421  
H Pw 38 Sd (blank) (obverse letters are black)  
WELDON'S RIDING STABLE 5400 E. VAN BUREN PHOENIX, ARIZ. 275-2421  
I Pb 32 Sd On Mondays Good For \$1.00 On One Ride (white letters)  
J Pr 32 Sd On Wednesdays Good For \$1.00 On One Ride (white letters)

SOUTH CAROLINA

Miscellaneous 1000 (Distributed by New Issues Service)  
WEST GREENVILLE CAB CO. TEL: 233-6030 GREENVILLE S.C.  
A Pe 38 Sd Good For 10¢ on a Taxi Ride (taxicab) (white ltrs) (\* 1/6/75) .15  
B Pw 38 Sd " (black ltrs) " .15

WASHINGTON

Vashon 930 (Reported by Clarence Heppner)  
MANSON WIMAN  
A o A 32 Sd Good For One Fare Str Vashon 5.00  
[This steamer operated in the waters around Vashon Island in Puget Sound]

UNIDENTIFIED

T.O. NEWMAN GOOD FOR ONE RIDE Bailey, Butte.  
147 A 34 Sd T.O. Newman Good For One Ride (merry-go-round)  
[similar to Unid. #96 but with different manufacturer's name]

= NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG =

Six more plastic taxi tokens this month, for a change. These tokens are available from the cab companies, if anyone wants to write and find out. Haines Taxi - Box 432 - Haines, AK 99827. Flash Taxi Service, Box 1015, Kenai, AK 99611. Wye Taxi Box 565, Soldotna, AK 99669. West Greenville Cab Co. - 1270 Pendleton St. - Greenville SC 29611.

Also some of those stable tokens from Arizona. A year ago Christmas, Mr. Nicolosi received a set of these from the owner of the stable, and as not too many were on hand to get for everyone, he waited till this last Christmas to see if any would be available. Mr. Reznick also learned about these and obtained two of the three, and was told the owners sold out to someone else, and no more were available. Mr. Nicolosi didn't get his usual Christmas card this past December, so he also came to the conclusion that the owners are no longer there, and no more tokens available. This is an example of saying that, well, they're just plastic things, so no rush in trying to get them. And now we can't get them, and that's too bad for those who do save these items. We won't price these as don't know if any more will show up. Other Miscellaneous tokens, we just list at the minimum, depending on what it costs to get them, 15¢ or 25¢.

Clarence Heppner reports that the Vashon, WA, was used about 70 years ago. He obtained some information from a book at the Public Library: H.W. McCurdy's *Marine History of the Pacific Northwest*. From this book he learned that in 1904 Chance Wi-man and John Manson operated a 94-foot steamer in the waters around Vashon and Burton, Washington. So it appears we have a rare one here.

Some time back a non-member from Butte, Montana, wrote Mr. Coffee claiming that our Unidentified #96 was from Montana, in spite of having been struck in San Francisco. Then later this same person found a token just like Unid. #96 but with a different manufacturer's name on it. Now John Nicolosi has also picked up one of these, and we are listing it this month as Unid. #147. There's a photo of #96 on page 622 of Atwood, and you can note the small manufacturer's name at the bottom of the obverse.

Louis Crawford reports that Unidentified #129 (see red supplement) may be from Church Point, LA. He wrote Harry McBride of that town, and learned that he was the son of the person who operated a livery company there, having begun the business in 1890, but he doesn't remember how long his father operated.

Mr. Coffee reported a HOLIDAY LAKES token at the bottom of Page 112 of the August 1974 Fare Box. Well, it seems that the Flixible Company, who manufacture buses, also manufacture some sort of lockers and tokens are used with these lockers. This token measures 15.65mm, whereas regular 16mm tokens measure 16.48mm. This token may have been used for the lockers, and not for transportation at all. So if anyone sees any token-using lockers, please find out what kind of tokens.

A few months ago a non-member reported a token made a number of years ago issued by a long-defunct firm. However, after much searching I learned who operated the line, and learned where he still lives, wrote him, and he told me he had 5,000 of these tokens in his basement! For now the token is "census" as far as collectors are concerned, but we hope to get enough of these for the New Issues Service, with extras for anyone else who wants them. So we do our best. But there are other times when tokens are available only to senior citizens and the like, and then we must seek the help of local AVA members. Occasionally--but not very often--when we do this we get back an answer saying he will get us the tokens but he wants "something in trade" for them. Well, sometimes we make certain sounds when we get this answer. Wouldn't it be nice if Nicolosi demanded something in trade for every token he sends out for the New Issues Service? So, anyway, this is one of the many reasons it takes longer than usual to get supplies of some new issues.

In December 1974 I assigned a number for a Philadelphia token, and deliberately skipped a number for the new SEPTA token, 750 AV, but we're still waiting for that one, which has been struck but not put into use yet.

There are some photographs in this issue of THE FARE BOX, and the first thing I discovered when examining them was that Pa 985 B, which I had never seen before "in the flesh" has "LINE." and not "LINES." as listed. It also looks like there should be a comma after "NEW LONDON" on Wis 560 A. On Wis 980 E, there certainly is no comma on the pictured token, though we have one in the description of the token in the Catalogue. On Wis 420 D, we left some of the slash marks off the Catalogue description, obviously. Incidentally John Coffee was offered the 420 D but thought, from the description given him, that it was 420 C, which he owned, so he turned it down. Dan DiMichael then grabbed it, and it turned out to be a different token and John still needs it! All of which emphasizes how very important it is for us to have a rubbing or photograph before listing a token. It is so easy to get a description wrong.

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#### = FARES CUT IN UTAH =

The Utah Transit Authority has cut fares in Salt Lake City from 25¢ to 15¢, eliminated the charge for transfers and removed extra-zone fares. Fare for children, elderly and handicapped, will be only 10¢. This seems indicative of an intelligent national trend to woo people back to transit. In Boston the subway fare is now only 10¢ between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. daily and all day Sunday. In Utah, however, many now are demanding no fares at all, and support is expanding for that.

HUNGARY

Budapest	100	(Reported by Kenneth Smith)	
		(VIEW OF THE FOUR-TOWER SUSPENSION BRIDGE WITH PICTURE OF BOAT WITH OARSMAN ROWING IN FOREGROUND)	
QRo Bz Sq Sd		(blank)(26mm)	\$5.00
		BUDAPESTI LANCHID 1866 (TEN-POINTED STAR IN CENTER)	
QSo K 28 Ch		(blank)	5.00
		(VIEW OF THE TUNNEL ENTRANCE TO THE BUDAPESTI ALAGUT)	
QTo Bz Ob Sd		(blank)(28x27mm)(clipped corners)	5.00
		(This token was used by the Budapesti Alagut before they used 100 RB-RE, and concurrently with 100 RA.)	

GERMANY

Allenstein	35	(now Olsztyn, Poland)(Reported by K. Smith)	
		STRASSENBAHN ALLENSTEIN (STREETCAR)(rounded edges)	
B o B Ob Sd		Gültig Für Stadt-Beamte (21x18mm)	1.00
Eisenach	305	(Reported by John Nicolosi)	
		STRASSENBAHN EISENACH (STREETCAR)	
D o Z Oc Sd		Beamten=Marke (21mm)	1.00
Halberstadt	375	(Reported by Yosef Sa'ar)	
		STRASSENBAHN HALBERSTADT (SHIELD)	
N o S Sq Ch		Fahrmarke gültig für eine Fahrt (22mm)	.50
O o A Sq Sd		" "	.50
Hildesheim	410	(Reported by J. Nicolosi)	
		STRASSENBAHN HILDESHEIM	
L o A Sq Sd		(same as obverse)(20mm)	1.00
Ship Money	909	(Reported by Nicolosi)	
		KANTINE PANZERSCHIFF "ADMIRAL SCHEER"	
G o A Oc Sd		200 (29mm)	.50
H o A 33 Sd		200	.50
		KANTINE SCHLACHTSCHIFF "GNEISENAU"	
I o A Oc Sd		100 (25mm)	.50
		KANTINE KREUZER KARLSRUHE	
J o A 21 Sd		50	.50

ITALY

Bergamo	80	(Reported by G. Fritz)	
		AZIENDA MUNICIPALE FUNICOLARI E TRAMVIE BERGAMO (ARMS)	
B o A 18 Sd		Buono per Servizio Funi-Tranviario 20	1.00
C o A 24 Sd		" " " " " 80	1.00

TURKEY

Istanbul	400		
		TÜNEL ASKER	
R o Bz 24 Ch		(same as obverse)	.50

Remember, when you report new discoveries, in addition to giving the exact wording, spelling, and punctuation, to send rubbings or photographs. This is essential to insure accurate listings. Please keep the listings coming.

AUCTION: AZ 840 B; CA 395 C D E, 445 D, 630 D E, 705 A, 835 F, 985 A; CO 860 D; FL 380 E; MD 60 I Q; MI 30 A, 775 A; NE 700 M N O; NY 10 H, 25 C, 630 AS; OH 995 C; PA 495 I, 675 C; WA 720 A, 880 A; WY 100 C H; Alta 800 B.

Joseph M. Canfield - Av. Franklin Roosevelt 110 - B-1050, Brussels, Belgium

WANTED: Colo 340 C, 460 B; CT 560 B; Fla 520 C, 860 B, 880 J. Will pay 8 times cat. or will trade. Send me your trade list. FOR SALE: ILL 785 A, \$3.00.

W.G. Garrison - 9505 Normandy Ave. - Morton Grove, IL 60053

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Dan Rusnak - Box 327 - Sparks, NV 89431

I WOULD LIKE to exchange want-lists. I have over 1,200 I'll part with. I need some common tokens. Example AL 820 A; IL 70 K, 250 J, 720 I; MI 60 G, 530 J, and a lot more. = John L. Trembley - Box 37 - Marina, CA 93933

AUCTION: Argentina 160 C; Australia 480 CZ; England 500 BK, 560 AK, 715 BK; Germany 740 T AR; Iran 750 K; Turkey 400 H; Scotland 420 CE.

Wayne A. Coleman - Box 481 - Boulder, CO 80302

TRADE: Wis 170 D, 600 C, 700 E, 940 A. If no trade, then to highest bidder.

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J.G. Nicolosi - 3002 Galindo St. - Oakland, CA 94601

AUCTION: Wis 3410 B, 3510 AE. As verbally stated by the manager, their supply of 3410 B was destroyed, being irritated by the great number of collector requests.

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FOR SALE: MISS 460 K and L, both \$1.00 postpaid.

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DATE NAILS: wanted to buy or trade. Have many dupes. Send nails typical of those in your area especially if you want to sell them or trade them for TT's. Include a copy of your TT want-list. Otherwise send a description of your nails.

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WANTED: NEW JERSEY PARKING TOKENS, will pay as follows: 3220 B \$2.50, 3440 A \$5.50, 3700 A \$5.50, 3885 D \$3, 3985 A \$1.50. I also need N.J. transp. token 605 A and will pay \$25 for one in nice condition.

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I WANT MAINE 550 A, and am willing to negotiate the price with anyone who has one.

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WILL TRADE 5 DIFF. TRANSP. TOKENS FOR YOUR 5 DIFF. TRANSP. TOKENS.

Linda Biarum - 2250 S. 204th, Sp. 30 - Seattle, WA 98188

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FOR SALE: NY 630 AH 25¢, AO 30¢, AQ 25¢, AS 40¢, 630 C 40¢, H 40¢, Q 25¢, T 25¢, & U 70¢, plus a 10¢ stamp for each two ordered.

L.H. Betts - 114-15 N.Y. Blvd. - Jamaica, NY 11437

NEED: Alberta 800 C; Wash 5 F, 80 A B, 100 A, 230 A B, 250 A C D, 300 Aa, 340 A B, 590 A B, 690 A, 710 A B, 780 A, 840 A I, 880 K, 920 E. Name your price (within reason). = Bill Coleman - P.O. Box 88724 - Tukwila, WA 98188

S.C. WANTED: 110 A, 450 E, 490 B C, 880 B, 998 A, 3840 B. TRADE: NY 631 T; CA 435 B, 3450 AD; OH 3030 A; Ala 560 M; Wash 780 W; Ind 3660 A. Have other tokens.

Joe Studebaker - 2614 Legare St. - Beaufort, SC 29902

FOR SALE: Ill 150 Z 55¢; Me 710 A 95¢; Mass 135 C 75¢, 115 L 40¢, 825 A 40¢; Mo 910 D 40¢; Pa 750 AA 30¢, AH 35¢, AR 35¢; Wva 850 A 35¢; RI 700 G H 50¢ ea; Wyo 120 J 50¢; Pa 840 E F G H 40¢ ea, 850 C 25¢; NY 630 AD 30¢, 995 A 35¢; NJ 15 B 50¢, 115 Ga 35¢, 55 C D 35¢ ea, 885 B 40¢; Italy telephone token \$1. Also Johnson fare boxes and trolley items. SAE for list. Please include postage for tokens ordered.

Kevin T. Farrell - 28 Woods Ave. - Somerville, MA 02144

FLORIDA NEEDED: Send these parking tokens, 3050 A B Ca Cb D E (all or any part). Trade you coins you need, or bulk silver. Also will buy, if you want to sell.

A. Corson - Box 38-261 - Miami, FL 33138

TRADE: Franklin Mint antique car coin collection, series two, 25 diff. antique cars featured 1901-25. Will trade for best offer on TT's I can use for trading or I collect military, balloon, or Zeppelin and Good For items.

Gary Ascher - 506 North L - Sparta, WI 54656

WANT TO BUY: Ark 105 A, 190 A, 285 A B C, 450 A C, 480 A G J K L O S T, 885 C D E F G. You price please. = Walt Hinkle - 526 North 36th - Ft. Smith, AR 72901

Two Cal 105 A, one NY 630 AR, for best offer Saloon or Missouri merchant tokens.

Littlefield - 4841 Hannover - St. Louis, MO 63123

TRADE: one only, Tex 255 Q in PNCover, postmarked Aug. 16, 1970, will trade for a Wash 730 U; CO 260 P; Pa 445 C; NY 630 AR; CA 105 A, or MN 540 AG.

Greg Prgomet - P.O. Box 87 - Greensburg, PA 15601

AUCTION: VT 150 B C D E F G. Minimum bid 5x cat. Where applicable token will go for 10% above 2nd high bid. SAE will bring you my latest fixed price list.

Paul Targonsky - 23 Harrison Street - Meriden, CT 06450

COLLECTORS! We've been selling about 1,000 tokens a month in our mail auctions. Get the next bid list for a stamp. = Paul Cunningham - Box 1 - Tecumseh, MI 49286

TRADE: Iowa 600 E. I have a number of extras and will trade one each for any other Iowa TT or trade token. Incidentally this company (City Transit Inc.) discontinued city bus operations a couple years ago.

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MAIL AUCTION: Ala 40 B, 750 B; Alas 190 A; Ariz 1000 E; Ark 435 A B; Cal 715 C; Col 540 D; Conn 30 A, 320 A; Ga 630 B, 765 A; Ill 155 B, 135 C, 385 A; Ind 280 A, 650 C; Minn 50 O, 510 A, 540 AE, 620 B, 730 C; Miss 500 C; Mo 140 A; Ohio 10 M.

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## = THIRD AUCTION OF TOKENS FROM THE ATKINS COLLECTION =

This auction consists entirely of tokens catalogued at 50¢ and up in the Atwood Catalogue, and continues from the previous auction which appeared in the December issue. Tokens are all in decent condition unless otherwise indicated, but purchasers may return any tokens for refund. Send all bids directly to the Editor, and please have them here no later than March 31. Please bid by lot number, and not by Atwood number.

JOHN M. COFFEE, JR.

P.O. BOX 1204

BOSTON, MA 02104

1 Ohio 230 H	47 Pa 470 A	92 SC 240 C	138 Tex 565 A	183 Wash 860 A
2 Ohio 230 M	48 Pa 490 A	93 SC 310 B	139 Tex 890 A	184 Wash 860 B
3 Ohio 440 B	49 Pa 495 A	94 SC 450 B	140 Tex 985 C	185 Wash 880 A
4 Ohio 440 D	50 Pa 495 F	95 SC 490 B	141 Utah 125 A	186 Wash 970 A
5 Ohio 450 D	51 Pa 495 G	96 SC 490 C	142 Utah 400 C	187 Wash 1000 A
6 Ohio 475 D-55	52 Pa 495 H	97 SC 880 Aa	143 Utah 800 A	188 WVa 200 A
7 Ohio 505 A	53 Pa 495 J	98 SC 880 Ab	144 Vt 60 A	189 WVa 200 F
8 Ohio 520 B	54 Pa 515 B	99 SC 880 B	145 Vt 150 A	190 WVa 290 H
9 Ohio 520 C	55 Pa 590 C	100 SD 100 A	146 Vt 150 C	191 WVa 830 E
10 Ohio 520 D	56 Pa 605 Bb	101 SD 260 A	147 Vt 150 D	192 Wis 95 A
11 Ohio 535 D	57 Pa 605 D	102 SD 260 B	148 Vt 150 E	193 Wis 170 B
12 Ohio 745 B	58 Pa 645 A	103 SD 680 B	149 Vt 520 A	194 Wis 170 C
13 Ohio 745 D	59 Pa 725 H	104 SD 760 A	150 Vt 595 A	195 Wis 170 D
14 Ohio 745 E	discolored	105 SD 840 F	151 Vt 595 B	196 Wis 220 E
15 Ohio 750 A	60 Pa 745 B	106 SD 950 A	152 Va 20 C	197 Wis 330 A
16 Okla 380 B	61 Pa 750 A	relisted as	153 Va 65 B	198 Wis 360 A
17 Okla 610 A	62 Pa 750 K	Neb 820 B	154 Va 80 A	199 Wis 410 F
18 Okla 610 B	63 Pa 750 O	107 SD 1000 C	155 Va 530 A	200 Wis 510 D
19 Okla 640 A	64 Pa 750 P	108 Tenn 75 I	156 Va 620 A	201 Wis 510 F
20 Ore 20 B	65 Pa 750 Z	109 Tenn 215 B	157 Va 620 B	202 Wis 510 G
21 Ore 20 C	66 Pa 750 AC	110 Tenn 345 B	158 Va 620 C	203 Wis 510 K
22 Ore 80 A	67 Pa 750 AD	111 Tenn 345 D	159 Va 620 H	204 Wis 700 B
23 Ore 100 B	68 Pa 750 AE	112 Tenn 375 A	160 Va 620 I	205 Wis 700 E
24 Ore 130 A	69 Pa 750 AT	113 Tenn 375 B	161 Va 620 K	206 Wis 790 A
25 Ore 130 D	70 Pa 750 AU	114 Tenn 375 C	162 Va 620 L	207 Wis 790 G
26 Ore 700 A	71 Pa 765 I	115 Tenn 375 D	discolored	208 Wis 870 A
27 Ore 700 B	72 Pa 765 J	discolored	163 Va 620 N	discolored
28 Ore 970 A	73 Pa 765 Q	116 Tenn 400 A	discolored	209 Wis 870 B
29 Pa 15 C	74 Pa 765 R	117 Tenn 430 A	164 Va 620 S	210 Wis 940 A
30 Pa 15 D	75 Pa 770 B	118 Tenn 430 B	165 Va 720 A	211 Wis 980 A
31 Pa 15 F	76 Pa 815 A	119 Tenn 430 Gb	166 Va 720 B	212 Wis 1000 A
32 Pa 65 A	77 Presentation	120 Tenn 430 H	167 Va 720 C	213 Wyo 100 D
holed	Piece "M"	121 Tenn 600 B	168 Va 730 E	214 Wyo 100 G
33 Pa 150 A	78 Pa 840 A	122 Tenn 600 N	169 Va 775 A	discolored
34 Pa 150 B	79 Pa 860 A	123 Tenn 710 B	170 Va 820 A	215 Wyo 100 I
35 Pa 165 C	80 Pa 965 C	124 Tex 60 A	171 Wash 5 A	216 Wyo 100 J
36 Pa 165 E	81 Pa 975 A	125 Tex 65 G	172 Wash 10 A	217 Wyo 120 E
37 Pa 195 A	82 Pa 985 C	126 Tex 65 H	173 Wash 10 C	218 Wyo 150 B
not so hot	83 Pa 997 A thru	127 Tex 145 A	174 Wash 80 C	219 Wyo 480 A
38 Pa 195 D	J (set of 10)	128 Tex 145 B	discolored	220 Wyo 750 A
discolored	84 Pa 997 M N O	129 Tex 255 N	175 Wash 250 F	221 DC 500 A
39 Pa 280 B	(set of 3)	130 Tex 255 Q	discolored	222 DC 500 B
40 Pa 295 A	85 Pa 1000 B	131 Tex 275 A	176 Wash 340 B	223 DC 500 D
41 Pa 295 B	86 Pa 1000 C	132 Tex 340 B	177 Wash 690 C	224 DC 500 E
42 Pa 295 C	87 RI 520 K	133 Tex 360 A	178 Wash 720 A	225 DC 500 G
43 Pa 320 A	88 RI 520 L	134 Tex 360 B	179 Wash 745 A	226 DC 500 H
44 Pa 340 E	89 RI 700 A	135 Tex 360 E	180 Wash 755 A	227 DC 500 Ia
45 Pa 445 C	90 RI 700 B	136 Tex 445 I	181 Wash 780 U	228 DC 500 Ib
46 Pa 458 A	91 RI 700 C	137 Tex 445 J	182 Wash 840 A	229 DC 500 J

AUCTION: Kans 40 A D, 150 A C, 250 B D E, 290 A, 450 A B C E F G, 480 A B C D, 540 A B C E, 550 B C D, 600 C D E, 690 A B, 800 A, 820 A B C D F G H I J K L M N, 970 B C Ea Eb F G H J K, 980 A B C; Iowa 910 B; Ill 795 C; Mo 640 A (blank reverse); Ind 90 A; Ky 510 O; Md 300 A; NY 905 D F; Ohio 165 N. Books, two copies of *FARES PLEASE* by J.A. Miller, both reprints, one paperback, one hardback. (paid)

Lee Schumacher - 10609 Eastern - Kansas City, MO 64134

HAVE UNLISTED wooden TT & PT issues to trade for any of the following PT issues recently issued that I need: IL 3150 CK CL CMI CO; IA 3300 H; KY 3190 B, 3510 F; LA 3080 J; MI 3265 Aa, 3930 E; MS 3360 A, 3620 B; OH 3165 Lg O; PA 3463 Bc, 3487 Ab, 3507 Aa; TX 3255 Ph; 3340 Al, 3565 Al; VA 3500 A; MSPT 3069 B.

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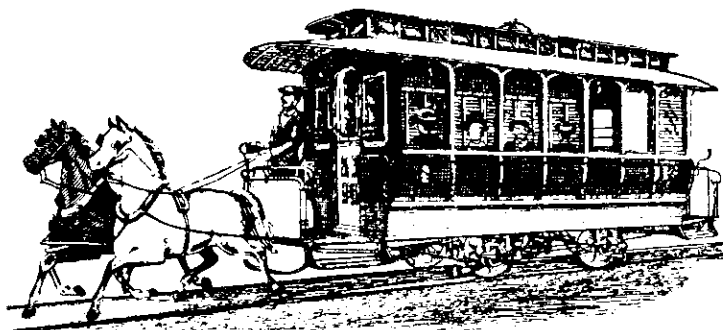
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Our 333rd Issue

April 2. Successful bidders in the 3rd Atkins Auction will be notified in about a week. It has been a trying and taxing time lately for your Editor, so please be patient on the auction. On running such a series of long auctions, my chief comment is, "Never again!" I'll run the list of Prices Realized in the next (April) issue of THE FARE BOX, and also a final 4th Auction. Unsold stuff will be available for direct fixed price sale at the AVA Convention in Los Angeles.

The hugely inflated cost of printing means that the cost of reprinting the 3rd Edition of the Atwood Catalogue is going to be a lot higher than we had figured. We printed 3,000 copies of our great catalogue, and are down to about 300 unsold copies left. So we shall soon have to reprint, and we'll have to use cheaper paper and binding, but still it will be quality work. Meanwhile a Second Supplement, with pictures and cloth-bound, is now in the planning stages. Meanwhile, it is necessary to raise the regular retail price of the Atwood Catalogue to \$12.00 from its present \$10. The A.V.A. member price will remain at \$7.50 until June 1, 1975. After that date, the AVA member price will be \$8 postpaid. The extra 50¢ will help pay for the Jiffy mailing bag (20¢) and the 42¢ postage fee.. So if you want an extra one for \$7.50, order before June 1. However, to encourage new applicants, we shall continue to sell one--and only one--copy to a new applicant for \$7.50 if he purchases it at the time he joins. So, to sum up, retail price is \$12, in effect immediately. Member price will be \$8 after June 1. New applicant price (one copy only) remains \$7.50.

Our friend George Wyatt, of Lunenburg, Mass., reports that he will be in hospital for a while longer, and this will explain why he has been unable to answer letters. He promises to take care of all correspondence as soon as possible.

Our Secretary, Don Mazeau (9 Settlers Lane - Clinton, CT 06413) writes that he has sold 16 of those 26 mint condition copies of the 1963 edition of the Atwood Catalogue. We'd like to move the remaining ten copies, and if you want one you may have it for only \$2.00 + 34¢ postage.

The new membership roster for 1975 is in preparation by Bob & Anna Butler, and copies will be mailed to members before summer.

In our next issue I hope to run a Supplement to the listing of Personal Tokens. I still have a handful of copies of the basic catalogue of these tokens available for a dollar postpaid if anyone wants one.

The Editor has some old picture sheets from issues of THE FARE BOX in years back. Will send a couple sheets to anyone who wants them for 25¢ +SAE. Nice pictures, and most of them are not in the Atwood Catalogue.



= IT'S THE THINGS WE LEARN AFTER WE KNOW IT ALL THAT REALLY COUNT! =

In the past President's Messages I usually started it by saying "It's The Tokens And a Lot More." And yet these two thoughts go hand in hand. For the past several months I had to burn a lot of midnight oil to take a refresher course in chemistry and logarithms. Somehow after more years than I'd like to admit to, it was much more than refreshing.

I also must admit that during this I tried to keep up with my correspondence, and also keep up with the happenings in AVA. However there may be some letters that I failed to answer. I hope that all those collectors will forgive me. My desk is still piled high and in the near future I hope to get to the bottom of that pile. In thinking back over the past several months and reviewing our FARE BOX, I am really proud of it. John is doing a TERRIFIC job on it, those descriptive articles, PLUS all the photos of rare and exotic tokens, and in the latest issue I really enjoyed the article on rejuvenating corroded zinc tokens. Maybe I shouldn't isolate just those two examples, but many of the members that I know, know that I believe in cleaning tokens, and I am quite active in the photographic part of the hobby.

To the many members who write me about the inflated prices on tokens, let me assure everyone I don't set them. Just view the prices realized in the last F.B. Wow!

In reading Bob Ritterband's report on the plans of the upcoming convention, I really urge you all to try to attend. Here you get to meet a good number of active collectors, plus the fact that Bob and his group are going all out to put on a show that you'll never forget.

In closing, just a reminder that I still have many of the 1973 A.V.A. Convention Tour tokens, price only \$2 each +SAE - 870 So. Hudson St. - Denver, CO 80222.

Till later, the best of everything to you all!

- Syd Joseph

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= THE "LINCOLN TRAIN" TOKENS OF GETTYSBURG, PA. =

In the June 1974 Fare Box, we reported an Unidentified token, Bz 32 Sd, inscribed "LINCOLN TRAIN" on obverse, with blank reverse, and asked if anyone knew anything about it. G.L. Goeller Jr. of Baltimore has solved the mystery. The item is not a transportation token at all.

In Gettysburg a replica of the old Civil War era railroad station has been built. It is not the original station, and its location is different from the original station. But it does look somewhat like the original. Inside this building they have model trains on display with some operating layouts, lots of pictures, and, as their star attraction, an imitation of one of the railroad cars used on the train that took Lincoln from Washington to Gettysburg in November, 1863, to deliver the Gettysburg Address. Admission to this car is by means of the bronze token, inserted into a turnstile.

Once inside the car...well, I yield to Mr. Goeller's description:

*"Inside the railroad museum a replica of a passenger coach of the era has been built, no wheels, and inside are very uncomfortable seats with a movie screen in one end. As the movie (Abe Lincoln's ride from Hanover Jet., Pa., to Gettysburg) is shown on the screen the mock-up passenger coach sways, bounces, and leans, giving you the sensation of movement. The tokens are used for entrance thru the turnstile to the museum. The cashier said that no tokens are available for collectors."*

Frankly, I rather doubt that we'd want any of them anyway.

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The Editor just received a rubbing of a stranger. Anybody know what it is?

PIKE A.M.G. 4INCUSE)

WM 28 Sd

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= NORM SHERMAN COLLECTION SOLD TO PAUL CUNNINGHAM =

Norm Sherman, of Santa Barbara, Calif., was the only person in world history to build a complete collection of all transportation tokens known to exist with pictures of horsecars on them. He had them all, major & minor varieties alike, unpunched errors, patterns, the whole works. It was a magnificent accomplishment, and it took him a lot of years and a lot of trouble. In addition to the actual collection, Norm had about 130 duplicates of horsecar tokens, including some of the rarest of the rare. He also had a number of other rarities, including several unlisted depot tokens. All of this magnificent accumulation of transportation tokens has now been sold to Paul Cunningham (P.O. Box 1 - Tecumseh, MI 49286).

Paul says he will sell the tokens individually, at fixed prices. Interested collectors who would like a list of the tokens, and prices they would have to pay to own them, are invited to write directly to Paul. A stamped envelope with 20¢ is requested, as the list is quite bulky. There are a lot of tokens.

Norm's magnificent collection of California trade tokens was sold to Duane H. Feisel of Los Altos, CA.

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= TIMETABLE TOKEN OF THE REPUBLICAN VALLEY BUS LINE =

In this month's Catalogue Supplement, Timetable AD is listed, a blue plastic 38mm token from Nebraska. Five hundred of these tokens were made, and of these 180 have been graciously given to the A.V.A.

Therefore, any A.V.A. member who would like one may have it for 15¢ in coin or stamps (commemoratives would be especially appreciated, but not necessary) plus a stamped addressed envelope. Proceeds will go to The Fare Box financial fund. Order directly from the Editor of THE FARE BOX.

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= DROPPED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES =

We have lost fewer members this year for non-payment of dues than in any recent year, in spite of the increase, and this is gratifying. We also expect several of those ex-members who have so far not paid, to pay up yet. Nevertheless it often gets things improved to run a list of those who (so far) haven't paid 1975 dues and who, therefore, won't be getting this issue. If you know any of them, why not drop him a line and tell him we want him back with us? Here is the list:

Alspaugh, Baldwin, Becker, Bezark, Bingaman, Bridges, Brister, Cashdollar, Cline, Conner, Cupler, DeSantis, Dixon, Dorchuck, Dunn, Durant, Flinn, Gould, Grundish, Haney, Hann, Harrington, Hayes, Holder, Holladay, Holt, Horwitz, Kligge, Kobetitsch, Kopka, Kronmiller, Lesser, Leventhal, Lichtanski, Marquis, McKienzie, Mercher, Millard, R.F. Miller, R.G. Miller, B. Moore, R. Moore, O'Hara, Painter, Perkins, Picton, Raby, Racioppo, Raisch, Rakoske, Raskin, Reel, Riley, Roberts, Rosen, Ruddell, Schwickrath, W.D. Smith, Schmal (resigned), Somod, Soots, Spalding, Spillane, H.L. Stewart, Svobodny, Symons, Trail, L.R. White, Whitney, G.E. Williams, R. Williamson, Willis, Wright, Yowell.

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= THE LEAGUE ISLAND FERRY OF PHILADELPHIA =

This ferry, which is named the "Polaris" and carries an average of 600 passengers a day, ceased service in 1974 when a storm damaged its landing pier. However, service resumed December 10, 1974, using an emergency pier. A new landing is under construction, and until then service is somewhat curtailed, though still going. The boat operates from League Island to Red Bank, N.J. (not National City as mentioned in Atwood). The ferry uses the token listed as Pa 750 AS.

= A NEWLY DISCOVERED MERRY-GO-ROUND TOKEN FROM WISCONSIN =

Gerald Johnson has sent the Editor a rubbing of an interesting unlisted token from Gillett, Wis., described thus:

GOOD FOR / ONE RIDE / GILLETT / ADVANCEMENT ASS'N  
A 30 Sd (blank)

When Gerald found this token, he wrote the Gillett Civic Club in Gillett, WI, hoping that they could tell him about the token. Their letter, telling about how the token was used, runs as follows:

"This is in regards to your inquiry concerning the aluminum token you have from the Gillett Advancement Association. I have looked into the situation and can submit the following report:

"The Gillett Advancement Association was a corporation set up early in the 1900's by some of the early businessmen of this city. About 1915 (estimated only) this organization purchased a steam-operated merry-go-round for use at the City Park. During its operation of this merry-go-round from about 1915 to 1928 or 1929, they sold rides on it sometimes using this aluminum token. It was a 5¢ token good for a 5¢ ride.

"This merry-go-round continued until 1928 or 1929 when an accident occurred on it involving a young girl. She apparently sued the organization and the city for damages, thereby causing the demise of both the organization and the merry-go-round.

"It is said that the lumber from this merry-go-round was used to put up one of the present buildings in the same City Park used for concessions during different festivities during the year...

"Wishing you best wishes from a Nice Town, I remain...(etc.)"

The token will be given a regular listing in the April Catalogue Supplement.

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= A PROCEDURE FOR REJUVENATING RUSTED STEEL TOKENS =

By William Crawford

*Editor's Note:* In last month's issue Bill Crawford (on page 20) told us how to restore corroded zinc tokens. Since then he has tackled the more difficult problem of rusted steel tokens, and he has now discovered how these, also, can be restored. He sent along pictures of "before" and "after," and the results with the tokens are just as good as they were with the zinc tokens shown in photos in the February issue.

A chemical process has been discovered which does an excellent job of restoring rusted steel tokens. As with last month's procedure for zincs, the chemicals and vapors involved are dangerous, and should be used with extreme care. An added problem is that this procedure involves use of a proprietary additive which may be difficult to procure. Anyway, the results are gratifying, so here it is:

Mix a solution of 50% volume concentrated hydrochloric acid, 2% Rodine [Rodine #50, Pickling Acid Inhibitor, Amchem (American Chemical Paint Co.)], and the balance water.

Heat and maintain the solution at 130-150° F, and add rusted tokens. Flip tokens over frequently to expose new surface to the chemical. Remove tokens after approximately two minutes and rinse in water. If not thoroughly cleaned, try again. This solution preferentially attacks the iron oxide (rust), but does attack the metallic token as well. Thus extreme care to prevent over exposure is warranted.

Although other inhibitors would probably suffice, my experience is with Rodine #50, which works *very* well.

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= PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THE LOS ANGELES CONVENTION: AUGUST 15-17 =

= THE NEXT A.V.A. CONVENTION  
By Robert M. Ritterband

Last month THE FARE BOX included some information on the 25th Annual A.V.A. Convention at Los Angeles. The dates, which all members should be saving, are Friday thru Sunday, August 15-17, 1975. The convention host will be the California Association of Token collectors, and here are additional details about what might easily become the largest gathering in A.V.A. history.

The convention site is the Ramada Inn, 9620 Airport Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90045, and their phone number is (213) 670-1600. This place is less than a mile from the Los Angeles International Airport, with free limousine service at all hours. Also it is only a short block from the Marriott Hotel, where the American Numismatic Association will hold their huge gathering just two days after our main events are finished. The Token & Medal Society will also meet during the latter gathering, along with several other collectors' groups.

Rooms at the Ramada Inn will be \$17 for singles and \$22 for doubles, with plenty of free parking adjoining the buildings. Of course there is also a good swim pool for everyone's pleasure. Out-of-towners should make room reservations early, directly with the Ramada, as it is certain to be well occupied at that time.

Our session will open officially on Friday afternoon at 1 pm with the greatest swap meet on earth for transportation tokens. From experience one can predict that the hustle and bustle there will not let up until very late that evening. A limited number of bourse tables will be available at a low cost for any of our member-dealers who wish to be guaranteed a reserved place for the two days of sales activity. (Get in touch with Chairman Ritterband promptly if this aspect appeals to you.) Also a small bookstore will be in operation, offering a wide selection of titles in many transportation subjects.

Saturday morning the token activity will start again by 9 a.m. and at 10 a.m. the first A.V.A. business session will begin. Following a no-host lunch break, the second session takes place. By mid-afternoon all will be ready for another big floor & mail auction. Ken and Kirk Smith are handling the mechanics of this, with John Coffee being head man among a capable bunch of callers. The swap room and bourse will remain open during all these activities so you just take your choice of whatever appeals most. Token exhibits will also be displayed with suitable mementoes for each exhibitor. R.B. Carter (2232 N. Kays Ave. - So. San Gabriel, CA 91770) is the special chairman to write for more information in this regard.

In the early evening on Saturday we switch from business and collecting to the more festive aspects of our conclave. First comes a social hour (no host) to be followed by an excellent buffet dinner. When everyone has eaten his fill, a pleasing program on a certain token-related subject will be offered. (Too soon yet to reveal the secret details on this!) Dinner souvenirs will feature a new custom-made advertising mirror for each attendant.

The annual sightseeing tour will happen again on a Sunday morning. Charter buses will take all conventioners on a thirty-mile trip to Long Beach Harbor, for a thorough inspection of the world's greatest example of floating transportation, the famous "Queen Mary." About three hours will be spent aboard the ship for a complete tour of all facilities, before our bus returns us to the hotel. Naturally a new souvenir token is being struck for this bus ride, and the committee is convinced that it will be another real winner.

Though some of the convention registrants may have to head homeward after the Sunday events, an unusual encore event has been set for Friday morning, August 22, during the actual run of the A.N.A. meet. On that morning an illustrated talk will be given us by Ralph "Curly" Mitchell of the Franklin Mint, assisted by Kenneth Smith, the telling about the Nine Lives of Citizen Train. Mr. Train, an American, built the first horsecar line in England in 1860. Both Curly and Ken have some relics of that occasion and should give us a most interesting session.

Everything mentioned here can be yours for a registration cost of only \$15.50, or if you register before July 15, only \$14.00. Send registrations and applications for bourse tables as soon as possible to General Chairman Robert Ritterband - 6576 Colgate Ave. - Los Angeles, CA 90048. For further information call him at (213) 870-7305 in the daytime, or 938-4504 in the evenings. We surely hope to see YOU there!

= THIRTY-TWO YEARS OF TOKEN COLLECTING =  
By Ralph Winant

Thirty-two years ago the streetcars in Wilmington and suburbs were still running, and the fare was 4 tokens for 30¢. One day on buying tokens to go to work I noticed that one of the four was not from Wilmington, and out of curiosity I didn't use it. It was from Binghamton, NY, and among the next four I bought was a PRT of Philadelphia. I thought I would see how many different ones I could get, and from the fellows I worked with I got one from Seattle, and one from Wildwood, NJ.

At that time I didn't know that there were actually collectors of transportation tokens, until I noticed in *Railroad Magazine* that a Harry Bartley of Pittsburgh wanted to trade tokens with other collectors. So I wrote Harry, which started me off, and I bought a few from Harry, one of which was a Red Arrow token at 25¢. From him I also got the names of Roland Atwood, Chris Cook, Ralph Koller, and others I don't remember.

January, 1940, was the last run of the streetcar lines and trackless trolleys were put into use and the company became the Delaware Coach Co. The Delaware Electric Power Co. became the Delaware Power & Light Co. Two different operations. I was acquainted with a salesman for the latter firm, and through him I got the privilege of visiting the office of Delaware Coach Co. and going through all the tokens they got from other companies in their fare boxes whenever it suited me, and buying all I wanted.

I could probably name 40 cities and towns in Pennsylvania that used tokens but no longer use them. This area was really a token collector's paradise, nearly all 16mm tokens, but also quite a few Dela 900 A and B, burned up in their fare boxes for a while. On the best information I could get, the Delaware Electric Power Co. purchased Red Arrow Bus Co. about 1930 and their tokens were thrown into the Delaware River.

Fare increases, and fewer tokens from other companies, finally put the cost of Wilmington tokens much higher than Atwood's Catalogue, and ended my trips to Delaware Coach.

Before the A.V.A. was organized there were plenty of collectors I corresponded with who didn't join. One was a doctor in Manila, P.I., who lost a coin collection and most of his token collection to the Japanese, but I did get one good token from him: PI 500 A.

Some of the deals I've made in my first collection I think were quite interesting. In 1948 I heard that the 26th Street Ferry of Proctorville, Ohio, had gone out of business so I wrote them to see how many tokens they had left and if they wanted to sell them. They wrote me that there were 118 tokens left, which I could have for so much each, or \$8.40 for the lot. This was all that were supposed to be left, but I learned several years later that the son of the former owner had kept quite a few. All I had of the 118 were gone so I wrote the son and he sold me 4 for \$1.

Then in November, 1950, I needed one of the recent issues of Northern Bus Co. of Ketchikan, Alaska, and in writing for it I asked them if they had any tokens from other companies to sell. They replied that they had hundreds of different White Cab Co. tokens, Herring Cove Transit and Wacker Transportation Co. tokens, and to make them an offer. I offered them 5¢ each for 1,000 assorted tokens. They accepted, and sent me a mixture of Alas 450 A C D E H and 900 B. Only one 450 C, which I believe is in Ralph Freiberg's collection now. Postage & insurance on the tokens was \$1, and they sent the tokens in a leather bag with a drawstring on it, and the name of The First National Bank, Ketchikan, Alaska.

For several reasons I sold my first collection of 3,590 tokens in 1954, but after a few years I started another one which has outnumbered the first one, but which is lacking in a lot of the better tokens. I also was able to buy a collection of 2,800 tokens, but with few rare ones.

Another company I wrote to, which had gone out of business, replied that they had 100 lbs of tokens, but never answered my follow-up letters. But some companies have second thoughts, being afraid the tokens might come back to be redeemed later on.

It has been a lot of years of pleasure in an interesting hobby, one that can bring a surprise most any day, unexpectedly, and I wish those who read this the pleasure that I have had!



= MARCH SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE =  
By Ralph Freiberg

ILLINOIS

Macomb 535 (Reported by Jerome Archer and Joel Reznick)  
1 FARE SHUTL CLUB  
A S Sq Sd (blank) [obverse letters incuse] (\* 9/71) \$0.25  
SHUTTLE CLUB (BUS, type 2)  
B B 16 Bar One Fare (bus) (\* 1/75) .25  
[This bus operates from Western Illinois University to downtown Macomb.]

INDIANA

La Porte 530 (Reported by Richard Salzer)  
LA PORTE TRANSPORTE BUS LINES  
D Py 26 Sd (blank) [obverse letters are green] (\* 1974) .25

MASSACHUSETTS

Miscellaneous 1000 (Reported by New Issues Service)  
KEN'S AROUND THE CLOCK TAXI SERVICE TEL: 545-6050  
SCITUATE, MASS.  
B A 32 Sd Good For 25¢ Towards Fare Taxi (\*2/75) .25  
Patterns 998  
K B 32 Sd [same as 1000 B but in brass] (15 were struck)

NEW JERSEY

Miscellaneous 1000 (Distributed by New Issues Service)  
NITE OWL TAXI TEL: 341-4181 TOMS RIVER, N.J.  
C A 32 Sd Good For 25¢ in Trade (\* 2/10/75) .25  
Patterns 998  
E B 32 Sd [same as 1000 C but in brass] (15 were struck)

NORTH CAROLINA

Miscellaneous 1000 (Distributed by New Issues Service)  
TWIN CITY CAB CO. TEL: 552-2626 FUQUAY-VARINA N.C.  
B Pr 38 Sd Good For 10¢ on a Taxi Ride (taxicab) (white letters) (\* 1/75) .15

WISCONSIN

Racine 700 (reported by Joel Reznick)  
FLASH CITY TRANSIT RACINE, WIS. (BUS, type 2)  
I B 23 Dd Good For One Fare (bus) (Rev. A) (\* 11/74) [child fare token] .30

MANUFACTURERS' SAMPLE

Group 29 (Reported by Joe Pernicano)  
TESTING TOKEN  
A B 23 Sd Good For One Fare (diamonds)

TIMETABLES (Reported by John Coffee)

REPUBLICAN VALLEY BUS LINE P.O. BOX 788 - HASTINGS  
DAILY SERVICE EXCEPT SUNDAY  
AD Pb 38 Sd Hastings Red Cloud Franklin Alma Beaver City  
And Points Between

= NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG =

After waiting a while we are finally getting some action on some tokens. Last summer Jerome Archer reported a strange little square token from Macomb, IL, but we were unable to get an answer from them, or a commitment from them to sell a quantity

to our New Issues Service. So we asked Joel Reznick to look into the matter, and he came up with the following information. The line was started in September, 1969, by Tom Friday and Dick Sivill, but didn't use tokens till September 1971. The tokens were made in a machine shop in Springfield, IL, and the original order was either 3 or 4 thousand, but they didn't space their letters right, so "shuttle" came through on the token as "shutl". The round trip fare is 25¢, and when you board the bus you pay the 25¢ and get a token for the return ride. The operation is almost entirely for students, and often students going into town would get a ride back to the college with a friend, and thousands of the tokens just disappeared, which is why they didn't want to sell a quantity to us. So they had to order more tokens, and this time they ordered from Meyer & Wenthe in Chicago, and they just put the new ones into use. The older one is really obsolete and only the new ones are sold now, but the old ones are still good for a ride. The "B" will be handled by our N.I.S., but not the "A". However, Joel got a number of the A token and members can get one from him.

The LaPorte, IN, tokens are not available to the general public. They are sold to merchants and other outlets, and are quite difficult to obtain. Richard Salzer was able to get a supply for N.I.S. only by saying he wanted the tokens as gifts for senior citizens--which really is true. We have a lot of seniors in the A.V.A. And the rest of us are, after all, future senior citizens (we hope). So, anyway, thanks to Richard's ingenuity, this one will be available through N.I.S. This is a perfect example of a token we would never have been able to get without a member being right there.

Also--surprise!--more taxi tokens. But at least this time a couple of them are aluminum. A few brass patterns were struck to show the companies how much nicer the brass would be, if they should reorder. This probably is close to the last of these miscellaneous taxi tokens. Incidentally, NC 1000 A was listed on page 12 of the January 1974 Fare Box. 500 were made of NC 1000 B.

We heard about the new Racine token and asked Joel Reznick to work on it for us, as the city is close to Chicago. This is a child's fare token and the company was reluctant to sell us any unless we paid full adult rate for them. But Joel managed to haggle them down to a price halfway between adult fare and child fare (adult fare is 40¢; child fare is 20¢) so we got them for 30¢. So N.I.S. will handle this one. The Racine firm expects the City of Racine to take them over shortly so this one may be a short-lived operation. Sometimes, when a token may be difficult to get, we say we are willing to pay full adult fare if that's the only way we can get the tokens. Note, by the way, that this new token has the old Type #2 bus on it! Same with the new Macomb, IL, token. Both look like tokens out of the 1930's when the type #2 bus was the rule. For the past 20 years, type #3 bus has been used. So why they got the older bus we don't know, but it serves to complicate things for us, and to provide an exception to our rule about dating tokens by the type of bus on the tokens.

I don't know anything about how the new manufacturer's sample is used.

John Coffee was able to obtain a quantity of the new timetable token, and will send you one for 15¢ +SAE, with proceeds going to The Fare Box photograph fund.

In the January issue we listed a Toronto token, anticipating its use in December 1974. But as it turned out the token actually went into use 1/8/75, so you should correct the date of first usage on that token.

Also, in mentioning fare in the Southern California Rapid Transit District we mentioned the fare was changed to 25¢ for first zone, but now I learn that zones have been abolished. There is a 25¢ flat fare with a 10¢ transfer charge. So if you go to the AVA convention this August you'll be able to ride all the way to downtown L.A. for only 25¢. I had not been in Los Angeles the past year due to illness, so didn't have all the details.

Joe Pernicano sends along an envelope in which tokens are sold by New Orleans Public Service Co. It seems the fare has been raised from ten for \$1.50 to ten for \$2.50. New Orleans was famous for having the lowest fare in the U.S. But now they're getting up with the rest of us.

Recently I was shown a token with incuse letters, holed, inscribed FREE RIDE GOODY SHOES. Does anyone know anything about such a token or where it is from?

We now seem to have solved the mystery of IND 460 M. We always had our doubts that this firm was in Indianapolis, figuring the "IND." on the token could indicate a

location anywhere in the State of Indiana. And so, indeed, it has turned out. We have learned that in 1925, 3,000 tokens were ordered by a Blue Safety Coach Company of 4016 First Street, Indiana Harbor, Ind. So a switch to Indiana Harbor is indicated, and the new number will be Ind 450 E.

We have quite a few more leads on tokens, and with luck will have lots more to report in the near future.

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= MARCH NEW ISSUES SERVICE REPORT =

By John G. Nicolosi

Our patience has been rewarded, the tide has turned, and tokens are starting to come in again. We still have several more tokens pending, and eventually we shall corral them. This month a total of 6 tokens will be coming your way, to all members of N.I.S., both associate and regular.

First of all I want to thank Joel Reznick for his untiring efforts and determination and persistence, with all those long-distance phone calls to various transit companies and to me and Ralph Freiberg. Without his assistance we would not be able to send you the ILL 535 B and WIS 700 I, both of which you will be getting this month. There will be some more tokens next month also thanks to Joel's efforts.

Then, thanks to Richard Salzer of Knox, Ind., we are sending you Ind 530 D.

And three more of those taxi tokens, two of which are aluminum.

This month we welcome Warren Scott to Associate status, along with Steve Lipshie and Don Harlow.

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= NOMINATIONS BEGIN NOW =

According to the Constitution of the A.V.A., the president is required to call for nominations of new officers. Therefore the nomination period is herewith opened, with a closing deadline of May 1, 1975.

The election of President and Vice-President will be for a two-year term each, and they are eligible for one such term only. The Secretary and Treasurer can be reelected repeatedly. The positions of Editor and Curator are appointive. The seven-member Executive Board consists of the foregoing plus the Immediate Past President.

Any member may nominate any other member in continuous good standing of at least three years. Nominees must be at least 18 years old.

If you want to nominate someone, you must first write him or her and obtain from him or her written verification that he or she is willing to service. Then send in your nomination, with verification, to the Secretary: Donald Mazeau - P.O. Box 31 - Clinton, CT 06413. A list of nominees and nominators will be printed promptly in THE FARE BOX, and if there is a contest for any position, ballots will be mailed out with either the June or July issue.

For the good health and welfare of our organization, every member is urged to give this important subject his early and careful attention.

- Syd Joseph

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The Editor has received a listing of a couple of strange items. Any ideas?

B 25 Pc F.T. ST. B. (INCUSE)  
(blank) (Sc) (43rd Street Bridge of Pittsburgh, maybe?)  
ARLINGTON HEIGHTS PARK DIST.  
WM 15 Sd (blank)

Larry Freeman reported the top one; Les Hawthorne the lower one.

WANTED: Pa 750 AT and AC. I'll pay your price!  
 Daniel Donnelly - 2306 E. Dauphin St. - Philadelphia, PA 19125

FOR TRADE: car wash token from "Auto Washette" in Lebanon, OH 3165 O, and Wash 880 O.  
 Robert Kelley - 6315 Parkview Circle - Mason, OH 45040

I WANT TO TRADE FOR YOUR PERSONALS! Nov available my 1975 token 1348C. Still available some 1348 A and B. Trade for your personals one for one +SAE.  
 Bud Nelson - Box 4371 - Rockford, IL 61110

TT's FOR SALE @ 25¢ plus postage each: Ga 450 A; Haw 240 D; IL 95 C, 130 F, 190 F G, 350 G, 760 F, 3075 A; Ind 260 A, 290 A, 350 C, 390 B, 660 C, 690 A, 860 D, 940 A; Ia 30 F G, 380 R, 850 R V, 930 J. Kan 880 B, 970 E F G H. Old issues of The Fare Box, 30¢ each, to trade for your dupe TT's at cat. price. Issues are: Apr 65; Jul & Aug, 67, Jan & Mar 68; Jul, Aug, Oct, Nov, Dec 70. All 1972, 71, 73, 74.  
 C.G. Thompson - 3757 Kipling Ave. - Minneapolis, MN 55416

FOR SALE: new unlisted Buenos Aires subway token, 40¢. Sees & Faber, Phila. Pa. 1938 spinner token, \$2. +SAE please.  
 Al Zaika - P.O. Box 65 - Bellmawr, NJ 08030

WANTED: old picture postcards (coloured) of locomotives and trains. Will exchange for other railway postcards or UK transport tokens. FOR SALE: official map of Canadian Northern Railway 1906, cloth-bound into book. EF condition.  
 Donald Capper - 14 Acresfield Ave., Audenshaw - Manchester M34 5SY, ENGLAND

AT LONG LAST: PERSONAL TOKEN NUMBER 1-A, ROLAND C. ATWOOD. Will send one free to any A.V.A. member for a stamped envelope.  
 Roland C. Atwood - 2818 Colorado Avenue - Santa Monica, CA 90404

HAVE A LIMITED NUMBER OF LA PORTE TRANSPORTE BUS LINE tokens (plastic) to trade for other common Indiana only TT's, or merchant tokens I need. (This token will be handled by N.I.S.) = Richard Salzer - R 3 - Box 791 - Knox, IN 46534

WILL TRADE 25¢ OR ABOVE TT OR PT (my choice) for the following 15¢ ones (+SAE):  
 Pa 10 E F, 15 H J M, 65 B E F G H I J L M O R, 110 C D E F G, 145 A, 146 A B C, 165 H, 175 A B, 180 A B C. Can use 2 of each.  
 Joe Studebaker - 2614 Legare St. - Beaufort, SC 29902

WILL PAY 10x CATALOG FOR FOLLOWING: AL 200 D, 570 B, 750 J; Cal 125 A, 630 F, 715 R, 800 B, 835 H, 925 A, 945 G; Col 300 E, 340 C, 440 A C, 460 A, 620 B; Conn 305 G I K, 320 C, 560 B; Ida 100 D, 440 I; Ill 40 H I, 130 A B, 195 F, 205 B, 210 C D E, 250 C, 350 D E F, 455 C D F, 460 K, 495 B D, 545 A, 670 A, 770 A, 795 K P, 815 B D F, 840 A.  
 H.C. Reidling - 8847 Liptonshire - Dallas, TX 75238

EXPO 67 bilingual French & English Exchange token for U.S. currency, Feisel Que 3620 ZB, 15¢ each, 2/25¢, +SAE.  
 Bill Williges - Box 445 - Wheatland, CA 95692

WANTED: Tex 5 B, 30 A, 50 F, 60 A, 65 A B C D F G H, 145 B C E F I K, 225 A, 255 K L O, 270 B, 340 P, 360 A B E, 445 E F G H J, 565 B, 590 A B, 640 B C 690 B, 710 A B C D E, 750 A, 760 B C D E, 810 A B G H J, 940 A, 965 all, 985 A B, 997 A & most of the scarce one. Will buy or trade Ks 30 C, NM 40 C, 430 A, WV 640 A, OH 520 A, and many more. Send your want-list if you have Texas I need.  
 J.G. Pfluger - P.O. Box 2040 - San Angelo, TX 76901

FOR SALE: Ohio 435 Aa BabC C (plain & coated) D. Also the booklet "No Pushee No Pullee" story of Mansfield, OH, street railways, \$3.25 postpaid. Also a 2½x2½" polished aluminum plate struck by the original dies of OHIO 175 AAa & b vars. of obv. & rev., 4 strikings on one side, hand executed & serially numbered, only 50 struck, at \$5.25 postpaid. All a must for every collector.  
 Larry G. Freeman - 2427 Torrington Ave. - Parma, OH 44134

RARE TRANSPORTATION & HORSECAR tokens for trade/sale. Please send SAE for list, available early in April. I want Illinois Civil War tokens & better CWT. If you have any for trade please let me know. Don't delay. Write today! Many seldom offered items. - Rich Hartzog - P.O. Box 4143KT - Rockford, IL 61110

WANTED: Iowa transp. tokens, also taxi tokens. Have 50 tokens from \$1 up to trade. Also want to buy Iowa trade tokens.  
 Doug Redies - Box 4461 - Cedar Rapids, IA 52407

I WANT TO ADD YOUR PERSONAL TOKEN OR TOKENS to my collection, but don't have any of my own to send in return. Therefore I will send you 3 TT's of my choice for each personal token sent to me.  
 Sam Ruggeri - P.O. Box 145 - Canton, OH 44701

MAIL AUCTION OF FOREIGN TT's of Sweden, Germany, France, England, etc. Please send for auction list. = John K. Curtis - Box 263 - Willowdale, Ontario M2N 5S9  
SPECIAL FOR THIS MONTHLY ONLY: any 4 of listed items for \$1 = postage extra: Cal 715 U V; Conn 290 P; Ind 290 D; Ky 10 O P, 370 G; Md 380 B; Mass 825 A; Mich 375 A, 560 M P Q; Minn 210 A; ND 60 B; Ohio 435 B, 860 H I J M P; Pa 375 A, 445 A, 605 G, 920 B, Wash 840 D, Wv 590 A B, 640 A.

Roice V. Rider - 1523 Bailey St. - Lansing, MI 48910

FOR TRADE (10 sets only) Fla 130 B C D, one set for any one Cal. TT .25 cat. +SAE.

Sol Halpern - 1032 N. Screenland Dr. - Burbank, CA 91505

WANTED: Los Angeles dog license tags before 1930; Portland, Ore. before 1940. Also Cincinnati 1871 and other old tags.

Buck Witt - 7950 S. Mark Rd. - Canby, OR 97013

PENNA. MERCHANT TOKENS WANTED. I have for trade Fla 380 D; Ky 250 C, 510 AG; La 30 B; Md 60 J, etc., and other types of tokens.

Herman Aqua - 487 Bennett St. - Luzerne, PA 18709

WILL TRADE 5 DIFF. TT's for each sports schedule token sent. Still interested in soap tokens and tokens featuring the surname Baum.

J.W. Baum - 3113 N. Arkansas Ave. - Wichita, KS 67204

WILL TRADE up to 10 diff. transp. tokens for up to 10 diff. transp. tokens of yours. FOR SALE: Canada Ontario 900 A B, 15¢ each. Scotland Edinburgh Corp. Transport, have 5 diff. 25¢ each or 5 for \$1.

Linda J. Biarum - 2250 So. 204th, Sp. 30 - Seattle, WA 98188

FOR SALE: Ky510 O, \$7.50. MI 1000 A \$3.50; MN 540 AG \$5.25; NY 630 AR \$10; NY 715 A \$3.50; NC 980 C \$2.50; NY 3630 A \$5. Plus 30¢ postage & insurance to all orders.

Paul Targonsky - 23 Harrison St. - Meriden, CT 06450

FOR SALE: NY 630 AH 25¢, AO 30¢, AQ 25¢, AS 40¢, 631 C 40¢, H 40¢, Q 25¢, T 25¢, U 70¢, plus 10¢ stamp for each two ordered.

L.H. Betts - 114-15 N.Y. Blvd. - Jamaica, NY 11434

FOR EVERY TWO DIFF. COMMON WORLD COINS AND/OR TOKENS, I will send one diff. pinback button (over 100 diff. to trade).

Dan Rusnak - Box 327 - Sparks, NV 89431

WANTED TO BUY: Wisc 840 A and B.

Gary Ascher - 506 North L Street - Sparta, WI 54656

SEND 10¢ STAMP or a 15¢ cat. transp. token for my newest token list. There are many better pieces in this 965-lot list. Transp., Civil War, Millers, political & hard times are listed. = Gary Pipher - Box 217 - Johnson City, NY 13790

AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER: unlisted woods--W. Newton, Mass., Jamestown NY, Watervliet NY, Woodside NY; Pa 1000 F G (but with Buffalo reverses), Texarkana TX (7 taxi issues) W. Palm Beach FL (1 amusement issue). Austin, TX, (1 modern trolley issue). Will trade any of the above for ANY MODERN parking or car wash token I need so I am not trying to "skin a cat" with my duplicates. I need many modern PT and CT.

Harold V. Ford - 6641 Saroni Drive - Oakland, CA 94611

FOR SALE: 50 diff. TT's value up to 50¢, for \$7.25 postpaid.

Paul Thompson - 1805 Lyons Avenue - Lansing, MI 48910

TRADE: Alas 300 D, 450 I; Wis 170 C; Group 103 C. If no trade then to highest bid. Sell up to 100 diff. TT's @ 10¢ each plus postage & insurance.

Joe Pernicano - 58 Sonia Lane - Broomall, PA 19008

FIXED PRICE LIST OF TT's, PT's, CWT's, tax tokens & misc. tokens, over 1,600 pieces yours for a 10¢ stamp. = John Trembley - P.O. Box 37 - Marina, CA 93933

WANTED: Missouri merchant tokens and saloon tokens any state.

Littlefield - 4841 Hannover - St. Louis, MO 63123

FOR SALE PLUS POSTAGE (all 1000's): Alas A B C D 25¢ ea; Ark A 25¢, CA P 25¢; W 35¢, X 25¢, Y 50¢; Ind A B 25 ¢ ea; Me B 40¢, C 25¢; Mass A 35¢, B 40¢; NH A B 25¢ ea; Tenn A B 25¢; Tex J 25¢; Va A B C D 25¢ ea; Vt A 25¢; BC B 25¢; V.I. A 25¢, B 25¢, C 35¢; also Ill 535 B 35¢, NC 150 A 40¢; Ont 900 F 45¢; Wis 700 I 45¢.

J.G. Nicolosi - 3002 Galindo St. - Oakland, CA 94601

BRONX COLLECTOR WANTS TOKENS, PASSES, TICKETS, MEDALS, used in early Bronx on the "Dinky" or Waitestone Ferry - Starlight Park - 1939 Fair, etc.

E. Wolf - 221-11 99th Ave. - Queens Village, NY 11429

= ALL AUCTIONS IN THIS ISSUE CLOSE MAY 2 =

**JUST LISTED:** Macomb, ILL 535 A. Will not be handled by New Issues Service. Will sell for 50¢, or any 25¢ token in trade, plus SAE.

Joel Reznick - 120 So. LaSalle - Chicago, IL 60603

**I REGRET THE ERROR IN MY AUCTION LIST IN THE FEBRUARY FARE BOX.** Two tokens were listed for auction which I do not have. The correct list of tokens up for auction is as follows: Argentina 160 G; Australia 480 GZ; England 500 BK, 560 AK, 715 BK; Germany 740 T AR; Iran 750 K; Turkey 400 H; Scotland 420 CE. I'll keep the bids received on these items, and destroy those received for the 2 tokens wrongly included.

Wayne A. Coleman - Box 481 - Boulder, CO 80302

**FOR SALE:** 50 diff. TT's \$7.00. 50 mixed OPA red tokens \$3, 29 diff. \$6, 28 diff. \$4. OPA blue 15 diff. \$3. State sales tax 15 diff. \$1.50. Postpaid.

George Van Trump Jr. - Box 656, Edgemont Br. - Golden, CO 80401

**FOR SALE + POSTAGE:** Mass 115 G 50¢, L 40¢, 135 A 50¢, B 50¢, C 75¢, 550 B 60¢, I 60¢, Q 75¢, 760 A 35¢, G 40¢, 825 A 40¢; RI 700 D 50¢, G 60¢, Me 480 C 75¢; NY 630 AO 30¢; CA 450 J 35¢; Ct 290 K 35¢, 305 M 35¢, N 35¢; Fla 130 D 50¢; Haw 240 D 25¢; DC 500 C 30¢, P 40¢. Brookline, MA, park dept. tennis token \$2.15. Misc. trolley items SAE for list. = Kevin T. Farrell - 28 Woods Ave. - Somerville, MA 02144

**FOR SALE TO HIGHEST BIDDER:** horsecar, Ind 280 A. Complete set Michigan Token & Medal Society Journals, Jan. 1966 thru Apr. 1974, \$20.00.

Marie A. Johnson - Route 2 - Clinton, MI 49236

**BEST CASH OR TRADE OFFER FOR MY KANS 450 A and/or NY 630 B.** I reserve the right to reject any offers. My wants are New York, New Jersey and New England tokens for my collection. = Ralph Hinde - 225-30 106th Ave., Queens Village - Jamaica, NY 11429

#### APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

- 1525 THOMAS E. TINGLEY - 1113 OFFUTT BLVD. - BELLEVUE, NEBRASKA 68005  
Age 42; Major, USAF. Collects U.S., Parking. (Bolz)
- 1526 FRANK ROLAND MARTIN - 633 CHANNING DRIVE, N.W. - ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30318  
Age 64; Retired. Collects U.S. & Canada. (Mazeau)
- 1527 PAUL K. PANCRATZ - 1317 NORTH SECOND STREET - FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA 58102  
Adult; Social Engineer. Collects U.S. (Schubert)
- 1528 LYNDA LORAIN BORDEN - 4520 JAMESTOWN DRIVE - YORBA LINDA, CALIFORNIA 92686  
Age 33; Contract Analyst. Collects U.S., Canada. (Carmichael)
- 1529 TED F. GOODMAN - 3226 FULTON STREET - SAGINAW, MICHIGAN 48601  
Age 64; Retired. Collects U.S., Canada, Parking. (Rider)
- 1530 WILLIAM JAROSZEWSKI - 2123 WEST ROGER STREET - SOUTH BEND, INDIANA 46628  
Age 38; Radio & TV Engineer. Collects U.S., Canada. (Carman)
- 1531 GENE E. GODSOE - 310 WEST FOURTH - WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA 27101  
Age 38; Field Engineer. Collects U.S., Canada. (Symes)

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- \* William Crawford - 20 Emerald Road - Nahant, MA 01908
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- Kevin T. Farrell - 7 Brown Street - North Billerica, MA 01862
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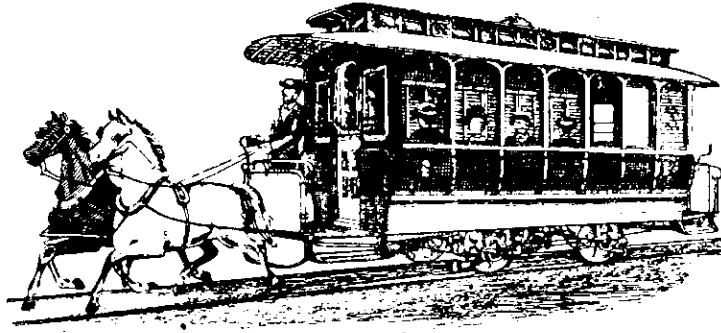
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FRANK C. GREENE

Frank Greene was one of the pioneers of our hobby. An AVA member for 26 years, he held number 35, and served as president of the Association in 1950. A graduate of the University of Indiana in 1916, for 26 years he served as principal Geologist for the Missouri Geological Survey before retiring in 1958. Prior to his service to the State of Missouri he worked for Shell Oil Co. and Skelly Oil Co. in the oil boom towns in the 1920's. One of the founders and pioneers of the American Assn. of Petroleum Geologists, he was the codiscoverer of the official Missouri State Rock, Mozarkite. An avid and active token collector, Frank Greene discovered dozens of rare tokens and built a large collection. His correspondence with collectors was extensive and always helpful to newer collectors. In our hobby he was as solid as the rocks which were a part of his profession. He leaves a void which can never be filled again, but he also leaves a spirit which will continue to warm our hearts and quicken our memory of the Golden Age of token collecting. He died in Kansas City on March 31 in the 89th year of his life, full of years and honors.

April 24, at midnight. We still have three issues to publish before I leave for the West late in June, so issues will be about 3 weeks apart henceforth.

I still have quite a few of the Republican Valley Bus Line timetable tokens available for 15¢ each plus a stamped envelope. All proceeds go to the Fare Box fund. Purchasers also will receive one of the Editor's new personal tokens gratis. Incidentally last month in describing these timetables I neglected to give credit to Mr. E.L. Tomberlin of San Leandro, CA. Mr. Tomberlin gave us the 180 tokens free and asked that proceeds be given to the A.V.A., and also, of course, is the one who originally reported their existence to me. We are grateful to him for his generosity.

Don Mazeau still has 3 or 4 copies left of the 2nd edition of the Atwood Catalogue (1963) in mint condition for sale for \$2 + 34¢ postage. Order directly from him at 9 Settlers Lane - Clinton, CT 06413. Proceeds to Catalogue Fund, of course.

A long list of personal tokens in this issue. If you've issued one which has not been listed, please just send one to the Editor and it will be listed.

New application blanks have been printed and are available if you think you can get us a new member. Write the Editor. Postage would be appreciated.



Bill Crawford's article on Page 34 last month on restoring steel tokens has received some interesting feed-back. John Propes of Norfolk, Va., writes as follows:

*I've tried all types of cleaners, acids, polishes and waxes, and all have some disadvantages. My simple method is a small 1/4" drive rotary steel brush used in an ordinary 120-volt electric motor. If the correct pressure and amount of brushing are used I come up with a nice presentable token every time. It will remove dirt, corrosion and especially rust satisfactorily without damage. I keep my collection of about 1,500 15mm to 24mm tokens houses in Library of Coins Vol. 12 & 16 General Coin Albums, and I refuse to put a cruddy token in my books.*

Mr. Propes adds that this works on all types of tokens, and not just steel ones.

Then from James Watson of the Museum of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin comes the following, which he says works very well:

(1) *Mix a solution of 20% Ammonium Citrate (NH<sub>4</sub>)(2HC6H5O7) soak token overnight. Remove token from solution and scrub with old toothbrush in running water. The solution is safe to handle and generates no fumes, but I would advise you not to let the kids drink it. If you forget to take your token out for a few days don't worry, the solution stops working when the rust is gone. The only disadvantage is that the surface of the token may have a slightly gray cast after treatment.*

(2) *Mix a solution of Sodium Hydroxide NaOH (lye) in water. Wrap token in a strip of thin zinc or inbed it in a layer of mossy zinc and cover with Sodium Hydroxide solution. Token should be soaked until it quits generating bubbles but there is no danger in leaving it for a longer period of time. The vapors from this process are irritating and the Sodium Hydroxide solution can cause burns. The token should be scrubbed with an old toothbrush under running water after treatment. Both of the foregoing methods are safe for the token, since the reaction affects only the oxides of iron and not the unruined metal. The second method also makes the removal of chlorides easier. Iron compounds rust very fast when both chlorides and water are present so any treatment that removes chlorides not only cleans, it also protects.*

So now we have a variety of methods for cleaning rusted tokens, and no AVA member any longer has any excuse for displaying rusted, ugly tokens!

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= WARTIME EMERGENCY METAL TOKENS =

By Ralph Freiberg

As stated elsewhere in this issue, we've received word that Greg Prgomet has one of the Newark steel tokens that I mentioned in the February 1975 issue. Most of these previously unlisted wartime-metal tokens were made in 1945 just before regular metals came available again for token manufacture. The reason they are rare is probably that few of them were actually put into use, and that only to supplement the extant token supply, as needed.

For example 5,000 of the Joliet, ILL 455 F token were ordered in 1941, for use by workers going to a munitions plant. Then in 1945 another 5,000 were ordered, and these would be the extremely rare 455 G steel token. Probably only a few of these steel ones were placed into circulation because the munitions plant closed down right after the tokens arrived.

We know of some other wartime metal tokens which may never have been put into use, though we know they were ordered: there was a token like Ohio 125 F and G, but in zinc. Another was a token like Tex 50 E and F, but made of brass. Possibly the use of tokens was discontinued before these tokens could be put into circulation, but there's always the possibility that, one way or another, a few of them may have got out. As time goes on, we may learn of other such wartime metal tokens. Meanwhile collectors should double-check any token used during the war to see if they have an oddball metal. They may have a rare census token without realizing it!

A few such tokens are already listed, of course. In addition to the ILL 455 G, we have, of course, Tex 65 B and D, both very rare items.



= STREETCAR DAYS IN SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA =  
from PG&E Progress

In 1858 Sacramento was a lusty gateway to the gold fields. Riverboats raced each other to and from San Francisco; gold dust and gunshots were common mediums of exchange. Gambling joints roared all night and at the largest, Keith's, Mart Simonson packed them in by playing "The Wrecker's Daughter" on the violin. In this year were sown the seeds of one of Pacific Gas & Electric's most extraordinary business ventures: ownership of a "scenic railway," or roller coaster, and a surrounding amusement park--all part of the Sacramento transit system which the company operated for almost 40 years. The streetcar system was also responsible for the decision to build Folsom Powerhouse, the grandfather of all hydroelectric powerhouses in PG&E territory.

The system began in 1853 with a stage line from 3rd and R streets to Hubbard's Park. Another line ran from the river to Sutter's Fort and its manager was once described as "the only man who has succeeded in making walking a pleasure." But the flood of 1862 washed out the old stage lines and a horsecar system enfranchised the year before. In 1868 the City Omnibus Company began running horse-drawn vehicles out to Sutter's Fort.

That same year a franchise was given for a horsecar line and eight 12-passenger cars were later ordered from a San Francisco manufacturer. When the first two were delivered, the line was opened on August 20, 1870--but only after its superintendent and drivers were arrested for ignoring an ultimatum to fix the streets before beginning operations. The Sacramento Street Railway was established in 1887 by the Sacramento Railway & Improvement Company.

Some of the horsecars were electrified by the use of storage batteries in 1889. And that same year eight acres in the southeast part of town were developed as an amusement park to stimulate streetcar travel--the start of Oak Park. A small but truly electrified system began in 1890 when trolley wires were strung by the Central Electric Railway Company and were connected to a steam electric plant. This firm issued Calif 715 A & B. The idea of an electric streetcar system in Sacramento was seen as a way to convert from an outmoded technology to a new and exciting one. Electricity was seen correctly as the wave of the future, and in 1892 the Sacramento Electric Power & Light Company was formed by a group who bought up most of the stock of the old streetcar company and, in 1896, consolidated it with the Folsom Water Power Company, which was planning a hydroelectric plant at Folsom.

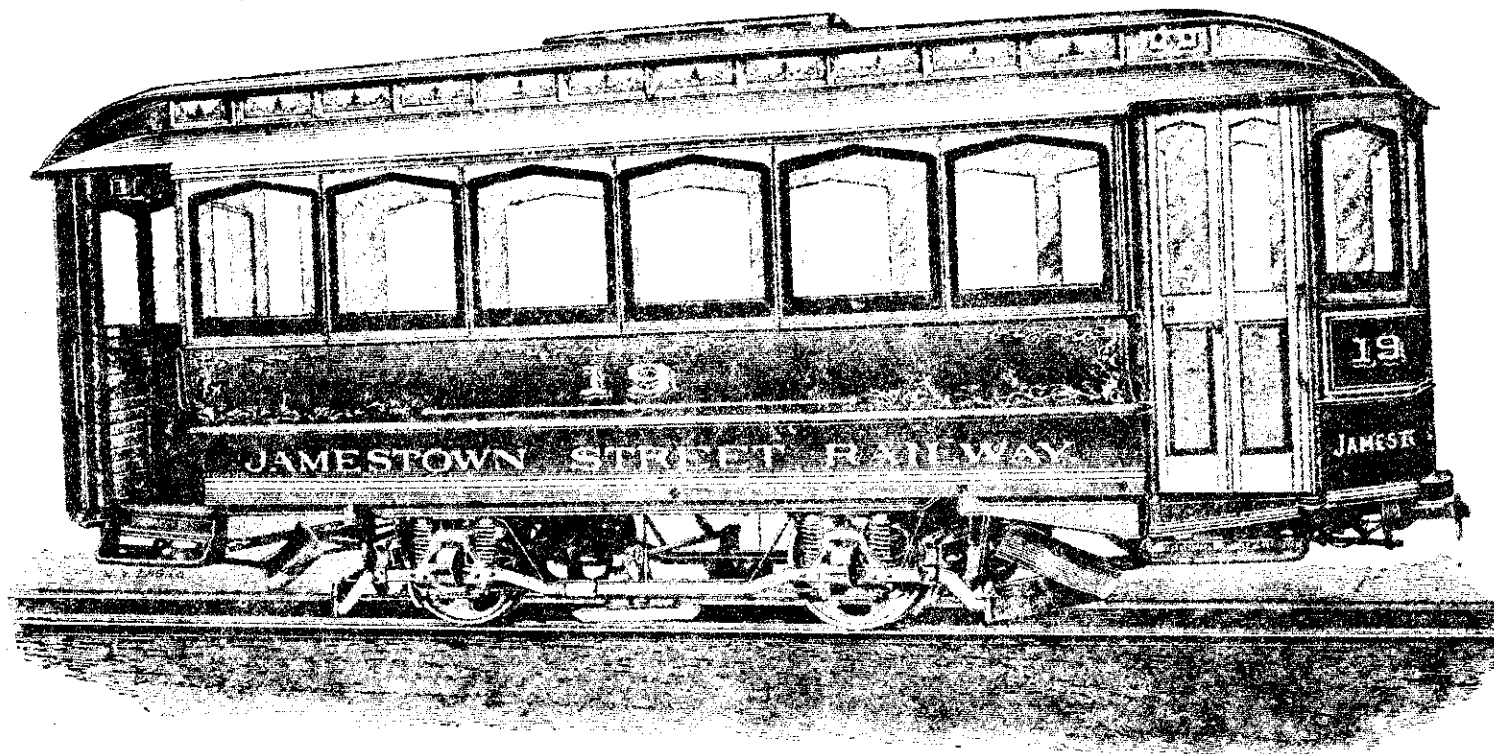
On Admission Day, 1895, a Grand Electric Carnival feted the first long distance transmission (22 miles) of electricity to Sacramento for its streets, buildings, and streetcars. The new company was called Sacramento Electric Gas & Railway Company, and it issued Cal 715 C thru G.

Then through a series of mergers, the Sacramento Electric, Gas & Railway Co. became a part of Pacific Gas & Electric, in October, 1905, and Cal 715 H was probably issued about this time. And along with it went Oak Park with its roller-coaster, penny arcade, theater, skating rink, and ball park, where the Sacramento Solons played for many years. PG&E never operated Oak Park but leased it to concessionaires who operated the park as Joyland. Many of its buildings were destroyed in 1920 by a \$100,000 fire, but they were built again and the amusement park continued. In 1923 the park was donated to the City of Sacramento.

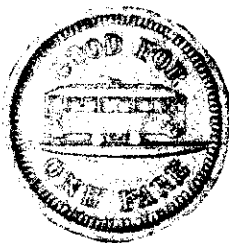
Meanwhile, Cal 715 J,K,L, were issued between 1928 and 1943 by PG&E. Then on November 1, 1943, the transit system of 33 streetcars and 60 buses was sold to Sacramento City Lines, and later this was taken over by the City of Sacramento, in 1955. Between 1947 and 1955, Cal 715 O thru S were issued. The streetcars were abandoned in 1947, and as for Oak Park, it is now an area of homes.

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Last month, on page 39, we asked about a WM 15 Sd token inscribed ARLINGTON HEIGHTS PARK DIST. Les Hawthorne has since received a letter from Arlington Heights, Ill., which explains that these tokens were used from 1965 to 1967, in lieu of a dime, for a pay locker in the park. So this item has nothing to do with transportation.



JAMESTOWN STREET RAILWAY OF JAMESTOWN, NEW YORK



From an issue of Street Railway Journal for 1891, we learn that the Jamestown Street Railway ordered 14 new electric streetcars from J. G. Brill Company of Philadelphia, to replace their fleet of horsedrawn cars. The new cars are described as "very handsome and comfortable, painted black outside and, with vestibule ends, look very luxurious. Inside they are finished in cherry, with white and gold overhead and Wilton carpet seats and backs. Each car has a 7-foot wheel base, inside measurement of about 18 feet, and provides a seating capacity for 34 people. Equipment includes roller curtains instead of the usual blinds, and ten incandescent lamps of 16 candle power for lighting." The arrival of the new cars was celebrated by striking new white metal tokens with their picture on the reverse, and with the unusual feature of having a reeded edge. This is our NY 425 A, of course.

= FIFTH SUPPLEMENT TO THE 1972 CATALOGUE OF VECTURIST PERSONAL TOKENS =  
By J.M. Coffee

*The previous Supplement appeared in the July, 1974, issue of The Fare Box.*

- ROLAND C. ATWOOD A.V.A. NO. 1 SANTA MONICA CALIF.  
1 A Pw 38 Sd Collector of Transportation Tokens (streetcar, type 2)  
MAX M. SCHWARTZ APT. N-501 2920 POINT EAST DR.  
MIAMI, FLA. 33160 ANA L30 - AVA L3 - TAMS 105
- 3 F B 38 Sd George Washington Exonumia Transportation Tokens  
Mardi Gras Doubloons Buy Sell or Trade  
J.M. COFFEE, JR. BOX 1204 BOSTON, MA. 02104
- 14 E B 23 C Editor of The Fare Box  
FLOYD O. BARNETT, L-38 1974 WELCOME -  
AMERICAN VECTURIST ASSOCIATION MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.
- 38 A A 32 Sd Collector of Transportation Tokens (streetcar, type 2)  
QUINCY A. LAFLIN, NO. 49 1476 IGLEHART AVE., ST. PAUL,  
MN 55104 1974 A.V.A. 24th CONVENTION AT SHERATON-RITZ  
MPLS., MINN.
- 49 A A 32 Sd Collector of Transportation Tokens (streetcar, type 2)  
MERRY CHRISTMAS 1974 MORTON H. DAWSON  
WEST HARTFORD CONN. 06119
- 95 A Pr 38 Sd Good For 1¢ in Trade  
*(Some of 95 A come with a Santa Claus pasted over the reverse.)*  
MERRY CHRISTMAS DOROTHEA CASE BROKAW, WIS. 54417
- 240 B Pg 38 Sd This Token Good For 1 Season's Greetings  
GREETINGS FROM RALPH A. HINDE 225-30 106th AVE.  
JAMAICA, N.Y. 11429
- 287 D Pe 38 Sd Collector of Transportation Tokens (streetcar, type 2)  
DUANE H. FEISEL 1974 P.O. BOX 1302 LOS ALTOS, CAL. 94022
- 305 E B 28 Sd Good For 50¢ On Your Next Token Order  
J.H. ROY 10201 CHRISTOPHE COLOMB MONTREAL, QUE.
- 407 A B Oc Sd Collector of Tokens of All Kinds AVA 407 (25mm)  
STEPHEN ALBUM ANGWIN, CAL.
- 472 D A 26 Sd 25 ¢ in Trade D.H. Feisel Palo Alto, Cal.  
ROY STEWART P.O. BOX 4481 STA. 'C' LONDON, ONTARIO
- 479 A Bz 32 Sd Collector of All Ontario Tokens (elaborate cross design)  
ROY STEWART BOX 4481 STN. "C" LONDON ONTARIO
- 479 B Pr Sq Sd Collector of C.E.F. Cap Badges WWI Canada (28mm)  
479 C Pb Sq Sd " "
- DON R. MCKELVEY 2822 19th AVE. PORT HURON MICH. 48060
- 592 B Pg Sq Sd Collector of All Michigan Tokens M.E.T.C.A. 20 (28mm)  
592 C Pe Sq Sd " "
- NOEL 1974 NOEL PEG & JACK WILCOX (2 ANGELS; 2 STARS WITH N.J.)
- 940 D Bz Ov Sd (blank) [rolled out on Lincoln cent]  
AVA 1073 DALE BECKER 3301 MEADE DENVER COLORADO (INCUSE)
- 1073 A Pw Tr Sd (replicas of 6 Denver transportation tokens)  
*(1073 A is shaped roughly like a triangle, silver-colored, about 55mm  
across, cast with 3-dimensional replicas of actual tokens on reverse.  
One or more of the tokens are bronze-colored.)*  
MERRY CHRISTMAS BOB CONEY SIOUX CITY, IOWA 51103
- 1089 I Pg 38 Sd T.A.M.S. N.E.V.A. M.E.T.C.A. I.O.W.M.C. A.V.A.  
SOL HALPERN A.V.A. #1147 TOKEN TRIVIA BURBANK, CALIF. 91505
- 1147 A Pb 38 Sd Collector of Transportation Tokens (streetcar, type 2)  
WILLIGES BOX 445 WHEATLAND, CA. 95692  
TOKENS MEDALS 1975 BUY-SELL-TRADE
- 1219 D A 29 Sd Good For 25¢ in Trade (in star) D.H. Feisel Los Altos Cal.  
LLOYD & ALBERTA WAGAMAN BAL HARBOUR, FLA.  
1974 (CIRCLE CONTAINING OWL WITH TEC ON RIBBON) 1w
- 1251 E Bz Ov Sd (blank) [rolled out on Lincoln cent]

GEFTER-KIRKA-WAGAMAN-MECCARELLO-KRUG-GILL-GOODWIN-SPADONE-  
HEITMAN-WILCOX DEDICATED TO THE COLLECTORS OF ELONGATED  
COINS A.N.A. AUG. 13-18 1974 BAL HARBOUR, FLA.  
(OUTLINE MAP OF U.S.A. SHOWING MIAMI)

1251 F Bz Ov Sd (blank) [rolled out on Lincoln cent]  
CHRISTMAS GREETINGS 1974 LLOYD & ALBERTA WAGAMAN (BELL) 1w  
1251 G Bz Ov Sd (blank) [rolled out on Lincoln cent]  
COLLECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION TOKENS LLOYD E. WAGAMAN  
ROUTE 1, BOX 195-D CAMBY, INDIANA 46113  
(HORSECAR INSCRIBED A.V.A. 1251 NO. 1)  
1251 H A 65 Sd (mirror) [obv. inscription is printed in black on white]  
LESTER H. BETTS JAMAICA BUSES INC. JAMAICA, N.Y. 11434  
1308 A A 32 Sd Collector of Transportation Tokens A.V.A. 1308 N.E.V.A. 200  
1974 BUD NELSON A.V.A. 1348 BOX 4371 ROCKFORD, IL. 61110  
1348 B Pr 38 Sd Collector of Transportation Tokens (streetcar, type 2)  
1975 BUD NELSON A.V.A. 1348 BOX 4371 ROCKFORD, IL. 61110  
1348 C Pb 38 Sd 1950 25 Years Bud & Nancy April 22, 1975  
GORDON FITZGERALD A.V.A. #1459 15530 LE MARSH ST.  
MISSION HILLS CA. 91340  
1459 A Pg 38 Sd Collector of Transportation Tokens (streetcar, type 2)

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= APRIL NEW ISSUES SERVICE REPORT =

By John G. Nicolosi

Since the first of the year we have been exceptionally busy with letters and checks going in every direction across the country, and with tokens coming back to Galindo Street. Over \$500 has been sent out in a couple of months. When we think we are just about cleared up, we start all over again. It seems to be a never ending project.

Anyway this month we continue on again, with six more tokens coming your way, both regular and associate members will get them. No "1000's" this month or next. Surprised? You will be getting Ill 270 E and Ohio 985 A, as mentioned last month Mr. Reznick helped a great deal in helping us get these two. Then Ga 60 U, and our sincere thanks to Capt. D. Drell for his courtesy in getting these for us. Then Tenn 20 D and our thanks to Mr. Craig for getting these for us. The company was reluctant to sell to collectors so Mr. Craig had to pick them up for us ten at a time. Thanks very much. Finally two more from Luzerne County, Pa 985 J and K. So we continue on and next month I expect to be just about as prolific. Of course with all these new tokens coming in it is important for me to have the capital available to buy them in quantity at today's high fare rates, and that means I must insist that N.I.S. members keep their balances on the black side of the ledger. Please be sure that there is enough in your account. We do have a long waiting list, and after a decent waiting period those whose accounts are on the minus side must be dropped on the assumption they are no longer interested.

Incidentally, the Tenn 20 D tokens all seem to have been lightly struck, so don't feel that you got a worn one. They're all the same, I'm afraid.

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= NEW FINDS =

I haven't received many reports of New Finds lately of rare tokens, but I did learn that David Schenkman picked up the rare wheel horsecar token of Lincoln, Neb. (Neb 540 J) in an auction for about \$70, which isn't bad for that beauty. Also Joe Pernicano just wrote that he picked up Pa 395 B for \$12 at a Pittsburgh flea market, and from a coin dealer in Downingtown, Pa., he bought the rare Kans 620 C for only \$2, and his 620 C doesn't have a hole in it as the one pictured in Atwood does.

Please let us know if you've picked up a rare token from a non-AVA source and inspire us, by reading of your good fortune, to go and do likewise.

## = PRICES REALIZED IN THE THIRD AUCTION OF THE ATKINS COLLECTION =

(List of tokens on Page 29 of the February Fare Box)

1	\$26.10	39	\$6.00	77	\$11.25	115	\$7.85	153	\$7.65	191	\$12.50
2	2.00	40	3.85	78	31.65	116	2.35	154	8.10	192	49.60
3	8.26	41	4.05	79	5.81	117	6.15	155	3.30	193	3.30
4	10.00	42	3.15	80	15.05	118	7.00	156	12.60	194	5.81
5	3.75	43	6.05	81	6.00	119	7.10	157	11.75	195	4.10
6	6.75	44	.50	82	8.30	120	6.75	158	7.50	196	4.25
7	.98	45	18.76	83	18.00	121	21.00	159	4.25	197	29.00
8	6.75	46	2.50	84	3.75	122	1.76	160	4.65	198	26.00
9	8.26	47	8.15	85	3.25	123	2.95	161	2.60	199	4.10
10	7.13	48	5.10	86	3.25	124	5.80	162	2.10	200	4.30
11	3.00	49	15.26	87	16.56	125	2.25	163	4.10	201	7.10
12	7.25	50	24.50	88	8.00	126	2.10	164	6.25	202	31.80
13	.50	51	5.50	89	25.99	127	3.15	165	7.65	203	5.10
14	2.25	52	8.00	90	18.89	128	7.30	166	3.35	204	18.75
15	5.81	53	2.25	91	8.55	129	2.25	167	4.50	205	3.20
16	3.85	54	6.05	92	2.35	130	5.50	168	2.25	206	15.26
17	7.25	55	11.85	93	3.25	131	1.65	169	.50	207	8.00
18	3.85	56	5.35	94	4.85	132	31.80	170	2.85	208	22.71
19	4.65	57	1.86	95	4.75	133	38.80	171	5.25	209	30.00
20	12.05	58	6.85	96	4.75	134	31.80	172	5.81	210	2.65
21	12.05	59	10.81	97	3.25	135	8.26	173	10.00	211	8.26
22	5.10	60	38.50	98	3.35	136	5.51	174	22.65	212	7.10
23	2.50	61	26.95	99	3.30	137	15.35	175	12.65	213	4.30
24	5.05	62	35.06	100	4.90	138	3.60	176	9.35	214	8.60
25	4.35	63	15.00	101	18.01	139	29.50	177	4.10	215	7.35
26	8.26	64	22.50	102	8.26	140	1.15	178	3.10	216	14.20
27	21.05	65	10.50	103	.80	141	5.81	179	1.13	217	3.10
28	1.55	66	24.50	104	13.50	142	2.60	180	12.55	218	5.15
29	21.25	67	23.85	105	4.60	143	51.50	181	10.00	219	23.20
30	26.10	68	21.25	106	30.00	144	6.35	182	18.00	220	19.75
31	1.75	69	11.70	107	8.00	145	35.97	183	1.57	221	5.25
32	20.25	70	5.26	108	2.51	146	11.10	184	1.65	222	3.25
33	4.85	71	23.00	109	2.65	147	13.35	185	1.13	223	2.00
34	7.60	72	24.20	110	5.15	148	13.35	186	2.00	224	2.45
35	8.00	73	22.71	111	4.10	149	6.35	187	4.95	225	3.55
36	7.85	74	21.85	112	12.60	150	7.79	188	2.10	226	3.75
37	7.55	75	36.76	113	11.75	151	7.79	189	1.00	227	3.55
38	7.75	76	4.65	114	8.15	152	2.01	190	6.00	228	3.75
										229	3.55

The prices in this auction strike me as much more reasonable than those in the previous auction. In fact there were some real bargains in this one. The three Philadelphia early souvenir pieces, 750 AC AD AE went for less than I expected. Pa 770 B, the big black vulcanite of Pittston, went for only \$36.75, which I consider a steal. The highest price in the auction was for Utah 800 A, which is about right for that token.

Successful bidders have been notified, and tokens will be mailed out as soon as I hear from them. In some cases there were duplicate bids, and the token went to the earlier bid in those instances, of course. Successful bidders always have the option, of course, of returning any Lot for full refund with no questions asked. This is always my policy in any auction I conduct.

There is not much left in the Atkins collection of quality material. I may run a final small auction later on, or I may just take everything with me to the Los Angeles Convention and offer it at fixed prices to members who are there. Running these auctions has, quite frankly, been a big headache and I am glad they are finished.

Kenny Smith has all my sympathy in running the AVA auctions this summer!

= APRIL SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE =  
By Ralph Freiberg

CALIFORNIA

Oakland 575 (Reported by Dale Noll, a non-member, to Steve Album)  
HIGHLAND PARK AND FRUIT VALE R.R. ONE 5¢ FARE  
S o Cy 23 Sd Insure in the Oakland Home Ins. Co.  
9th & Wash. Sts. Oakland, Cal. \$7.50

GEORGIA

Atlanta 60 (Reported by Dee Drell)  
MARTA ATLANTA, GA.  
U o WM 20 A School Token (vars.)(\* 1973) .15  
[The Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) took over the  
Atlanta Transit System on February 17, 1972.]

ILLINOIS

Elgin 270 (Reported by Meyer White & Joel Reznick)  
CITY OF ELGIN TRANSPORTATION E  
E B 16 Sd (same as obverse)[senior citizen token] .30

NEBRASKA

Miscellaneous 1000 (Reported by Bill Clapper to John Coffee)  
GOOD FOR 5¢ IN FUN CARNIVAL RIDES JULY 27-28-29  
BRUNING 75th ANNIVERSARY  
A o Wg 38 Sd One Wooden Nickel 5¢ (buffalo)

OHIO

Xenia 985 (Reported by William H. Nelson)  
X LINE  
A Wb 38 Sd Wooden Nickel (Indian head)(\* 10/20/74) .25  
[X Line is operated by the City of Xenia]

PENNSYLVANIA

Wilkes-Barre 985 (Reported by Hector Turgeon and Joel Reznick)  
LUZERNE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (LOGO)  
J B 23 Sd Two Zone Special (logo)(\* 9/74) .30  
K B 16 Sd One Zone Special (logo)(\* 2/75) .20  
[Luzerne County Transportation Authority came into being after a flood in  
1973 to aid transportation in the area. It took over Wilkes-Barre Tran-  
sit and White Transit in 1974.]

TENNESSEE

Alcoa 20 (Reported by A.E. Craig)  
B & C LINES ALCOA, TENN. B & C  
D WM 23 Sd Good For One Fare B & C (\* 1/7/75) 1.00  
[B & C Lines is named for the owners, Bud and Clint, and it took over the  
runs of White Star Lines in 1974. The token, 20 D, is good for a \$1.00  
fare from Alcoa to Knoxville or return.]

UTAH

Ogden 525 (Reported to Paul Cunningham)  
D o Cc 22 Sd [obverse & reverse same as 525 A] 7.50

WISCONSIN

Gillett 245 (Reported by Gerald Johnson)  
GOOD FOR / ONE RIDE / GILLETT / ADVANCEMENT ASS'N  
A o A 30 Sd (blank)[merry-go-round token] 5.00

UNIDENTIFIED (Reported by Steve Album)  
DOUGLAS AUTO STAGE  
148 B 23 Sd Good For One Way

= NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG =

At the Feisel Token Jamboree in San Jose I saw some census tokens which are listed this month. We knew of the existence of the line which issued the Oakland token because there is a picture of one of its cars in a historical booklet about the history of transit in the area. This line is listed in the 1891 Street Railway Journal, so we know it was in existence by that date. In 1898 it was absorbed into the Oakland Transit Company along with several other lines. It began as a horsecar line and converted to electricity before the merger. Note that "Fruit Vale" is two words, although the area is now spelled as one word.

Then there is the carmine celluloid of Ogden, Utah. This token was advertised in a recent issue of TAMS JOURNAL for \$150.00. Since then it has been purchased by Paul Cunningham, and we understand it is for sale. For the price, you may communicate directly with him. I had been told about this token some time back, but unless I get a report in writing I am likely as not to ignore it.

Speaking of verbal reports, some years back I was told of a horsecar token for the San Pablo Horse Car Railway in Oakland, supposedly a brass 23mm, but, again, we don't list tokens on the basis of hearsay. Should such a token exist, and picture a horsecar, it would be a big disappointment to those who have a complete collection of all such tokens!

Also now owned by Paul Cunningham, out of the Sherman collection, is a depotel of Windsor, Mo. I am puzzled how to list it. We listed a token for this outfit in the August 1974 Fare Box, but as I never did have a rubbing or photo of the token I don't know if it was listed correctly or not. So this may be a correction to the previous listing, or another token entirely. I just don't know. Anyway, here are the obverse & reverse of the token, and I have a rubbing:

RIDENOUR & SANDS / BUS / & / BAGGAGE / ONE PRICE / PHONE 85 /  
WINDSOR, MO.

Good For / One Ride / From / Hotel / to / Depot

Apparently the above is an entirely different token. But it is extremely important for us to have a rubbing before we list any depotel token.

The Wisconsin token was described in last month's issue.

We also list a Miscellaneous wooden nickel from Bruning, Nebr., as I was told that the person got this token from the source. But I know nothing else about it.

Steve Album was shown the Douglas token which may be from Douglas, Ariz. The die work seems to indicate it was made by Los Angeles Rubber Stamp Co.

Now having mentioned the rare tokens above, let's talk about some tokens that will be sent out to N.I.S. members! First we have the school token of Atlanta, Ga. Dee Drell was told about this by another collector, and he made an attempt to get a supply for our New Issues Service...and told us about the token in detail: when MARTA took over they reduced adult fares to 15¢, still using tokens of the former company. When they needed more school tokens they ordered these. 50,000 were struck in 1973, and 100,000 more in 1974, which accounts for the slight die varieties we've found on them.

Next we have a senior citizen token for Elgin, Ill. We were told about the token, but as it says nothing on it about what its use is, we didn't know exactly what it was, and our letters went unanswered. So I put Joel Reznick on its trail, and a phone call did the trick for us. They didn't know what the A.V.A. was and were reluctant to sell tokens to us until Joel explained that we were collectors, and then they insisted that we pay the full regular fare for them, which we did. We don't like to haggle; if they insist on the full fare we'll pay it and be glad to get the tokens.

Then we come to an interesting wooden nickel for Xenia, Ohio. Previously some buses from Dayton operated into Xenia, but after the Great Tornado of April 3, 1974,

Xenia was declared a Disaster Area, and it borrowed some buses to start up its own bus line. They also then put into use the wooden nickel that we are listing. There are several plans for distributing these wooden tokens. Some are sold to merchants who give them to customers who make a purchase of a certain amount, for instance. As we obviously couldn't ask Mr. Nelson to buy hundreds of dollars worth of stuff to get enough tokens for us, we put faithful Joel Reznick onto it. He made a phone call and got a supply for us!

Next another Disaster Area token. A flood occurred on June 23, 1972, in Luzerne County, and a Luzerne County Transportation Authority was formed to aid private transportation firms in providing bus service. LCTA took over the Wilkes-Barre Transit Co. and White Transit Co. in 1974 and began using tokens with this name in September 1974. These school tokens are figured out at 80% of the adult rate, and are used in the northern & central part of Luzerne County. They had also used Pa 985 H for the one-zone rate before they ordered new tokens for this rate. Possibly we may get other tokens made of the same metal as 985 K and there may be discussion about what to call it, as it is darker than regular brass, but not dark enough to be called bronze. We may run into more problems in the future with respect to county authorities. Some counties are pretty big and so we may have trouble listing a token for any particular city.

We have another one from Alcoa, Tenn., this month. I had forgotten that we had an A.V.A. member down there, until I got a letter from Mr. Craig, who obtained a supply for the New Issues Service. He had to buy the tokens ten at a time as they would not sell more than that, but he finally got enough. When Tenn 20 A B C came out a while back we didn't have a member in that area and were unable to get them for NIS, so we've asked Mr. Craig to see if he can find any of the A B C, which are now obsolete. If he succeeds he'll offer them himself to members. Again our thanks to a collector who has never been in the New Issues Service, but who went out of his way to help us. The new Tenn 20 D is used between Alcoa and Knoxville, just as 20 A was. The 20 A was for a 75¢ fare, but it's gone up since then!

Sometimes we rush to get a listing in before we have all the information about it. Thus on Macomb, Ill., we left out the size. Ill 535 A is (19mm). The full name of the issuing firm is Western Student Shopper Shuttle Club, Inc.

Also too late to get into my report last month: the line in La Porte, Ind., started out with cabs in November, 1973, and with buses in March, 1974.

As for my recent inquiry about any steel tokens for Newark, N.J., Greg Prgomet says he does have a steel one! Actually he told me about this earlier but at the time I knew nothing about any steel token, but now I know that steels were ordered and used. So, again, check your NJ 555 E to see if it's steel. We'll list the steel in a while after we ascertain if it's going to be a census token or not.

Every now and then I get some tokens listed to me. Thus the following. The first one is from Jack Smith. The second from C.E. Ziegler, the last from Gay Lipscomb:

M & L 5 [incuse letters]  
B 23 Sd (blank) [he hopes it's a turnpike token, but we doubt it]  
PIKE 4 A.M.G. [incuse letters]  
WM 28 Sd (blank)  
FORT WAYNE BUS LINE CHURUBUS CO  
Bz Ov St-sc Good For One Pass [about size of a rolled-out cent]

The last is a strange one. We want more info before we list it. Anyone help?

We are anticipating a number of other new issues for May. It's mostly a matter of waiting for answers to our letters, but we have a pile of new issues pending. They are coming out thick & fast now, but it takes time to get answers from some of these outfits, especially public authorities. It may be well into the summer before we get word on some of them.

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APRIL SUPPLEMENT TO THE CATALOGUE OF WORLD TRANSPORTATION TOKENS  
by Kenneth E. Smith

GERMANY

There was in 1974 a very thin pamphlet on German transportation issued. This pamphlet is the 9th in a series on German notgeld and is titled DAS DEUTSCHE NOTGELD 1915-1923 HEFT 9 STRASSENBAHN UND GASMARKEN by Heinz Jansen. This pamphlet costs including postage \$1.91US and only has 7 pages of transportation. The prices on the tokens are suppose to be the going market prices in West Germany as of 1974 and are in West German marks. At that time the West German mark was worth 40US cents. At the time of writing this supplement the U.S.Dollar has slipped and the West German mark is worth 44 US cents. A 10% increase in prices. The tokens are described in the standard German method used in previous notgeld catalogues( except's Funck's) where the type of token is mentioned(streetcar,bus,etc.),the shape is given, the metal is given,the type of usage given, and any value stamped on the token. What is not mentioned is the full obverse and reverse descriptions and the mm size as in the A.V.A. catalogues. Funck's pamphlet uses close to our method of descriptions as he got from Roland Atwood and me copies of our early looseleaf catalogues and notes and included most of those items in his pamphlet including mm sizes. I have translated Jansen's descriptions to my catalogue numbers and below is the list of German market prices in U.S.Dollars for AVA collector's information:(based on 40 cents to the mark)

40B at 1.60,40D at 1.40,40E at 1.00, 60A at 1.40,60B at 1.20,80A at 2.00, 80B at 2.00, 80C at 2.00, 80D at 3.00, 80E at 2.00, 80F at 2.40,100D at .80, 140YA at 1.20, 4100I at 8.00,4100J at 8.00,4100K at 8.00, 4100L at 10.00, 4100M at 10.00, 160A at 0.60, 160B at 0.60, 160C at 0.60, 170D at 1.20, 210C at 1.60, 210D at 1.40, 210E at 1.40, 210F at 1.60, 210G at 2.40, 220A at 3.00, 220J at 3.00, 230A at 0.80, 230B at 0.60, 250A at 1.80, 250B at 2.00, 265A at 2.00, 270A as rare, 280A at 3.00, 280B at 2.40, 290D to N at 4.00each, 305A at 2.00, 305B at 2.00, 305C at 2.40, 335C at 1.20, 335F at 1.00, 345C at 1.60, 340A at 1.40, 340C at 1.40, 350A at 1.60, 350B at 2.00, 375A at 1.60, 375B at 1.40, 385A at 2.40, 385B at 2.40, 380A at 4.00, 390o at 1.20, 390P at 0.60, 390Q at 0.60, 465A at 2.40, 480A at 0.80, 480B at 0.60, 480C at 2.40, 485A at 1.80, 550A at 1.60, 600A at 2.40, 600E at 3.00, 660A at 2.00, 680A at 0.60, 680WA as rare, 680WB as rare, 680WC at 1.60, 670A at 0.80, 700A at 1.40, 740A as rare, 740B as rare, 740C as rare, 740D to AW at 0.80each, 760A at 3.00, 760B at 2.40, 760G at 2.40, 760H at 4.00, 760I at 2.40, 760J at 3.00, 760K at 3.00, 780A to L at 1.20each, 825C at 4.00, 840A at 2.40, 850A at 4.00, 860A at 4.80, 880B at 1.80, 880C at 1.80, 895C at 3.00, and 385D at 2.00

Jansen listed certain items I cannot match against my listings such as: A round Frankfort A/M brass token with a hole, two Gothas which could be 355C&D, and a Weimar gray paper circular token.

For comparison purposes with recent dealer offerings , I am mentioning the following: Recently , I acquired the third bulletin for 1975 , a sales list put out by Alfred Szego( a US dealer) and he has two full pages of German notgeld and a few German transportation for sale. It is interesting to see what he asked for German transportation. Some tokens I could identify in my catalogue numbers and others the description was insufficient to identify exactly which token. His prices were for XF to AU condition. In my catalogue numbers where identifiable the tokens are: 270A at 5.50, a 290 in the D to N series at 4.50, 300A at 2.75, 305A at 4.00, 310B at 6.50, a Frankfurt at 4.00, 336B at 6.50, 340C at 4.50VF & 5.50AU, 350A at 6.50, 355C at 5.50, 370A at 5.50, 385E at 4.50, 390P at 2.50, 390Q at 4.50, 390B at 8.50, 550A at 5.50, a Hildesheim at 3.50, a Lubeck at 4.50, 670A at 3.50VF & 5.50AU,700A at 5.50, and some of the 740D to AW at 1.50 each.

Remember when you report new discoveries, in addition to giving the exact wording, spelling, and punctuation, to send rubbings or photographs .

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- 1533 PAUL J. LAWTON - 5515 SOUTH ORIOLE - TUCSON, ARIZONA 85706  
Age 24; Deputy Sheriff. Collects U.S. (Coffee)
- 1534 GAYLOR D. LIPSCOMB - 5010 WINTON ROAD - FAIRFIELD, OHIO 45014  
Age 46; Tool Engineer. Collects U.S. (Coffee)
- 1535 STEVEN C. TUREEN - BOX 14070 - OMAHA, NEBRASKA 68114  
Age 29; School Teacher. Collects all types. (Bolz)
- 1536 R. GRANT CARNER - R.D. #2, BOX 112 - OIL CITY, PENNSYLVANIA 16301  
Age 30; Banker. Collects U.S. (Joseph)
- 1537 KENT H. NUNAMAKER - 7340 S.W. 11th STREET - MIAMI, FLORIDA 33144  
Age 36; Photo Equipment Sales. Collects U.S., Canada. (Coffee)
- 1538 LESTER M. BURZINSKI - 2105 OAKRIDGE AVENUE - MADISON, WISCONSIN 53704  
Age 56; Meatpacker. Collects U.S. (Frisbee)
- 1539 WILLIAM A. DEL PALACIO - 45 PONCETTA DRIVE #128 - DALY CITY, CALIFORNIA 94015  
Age 48; Traffic Manager. Collects all types. (Coffee)

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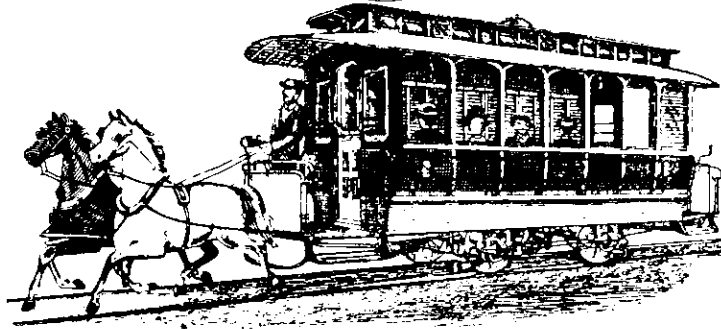
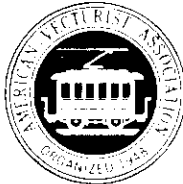
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## A.V.A. GETS 55 YEARS OF MEYER & WENTHE RECORDS

May 7. We don't usually use headlines in The Fare Box, but this month we bring you what I believe is the biggest news break in many years in the token hobby. The A.V.A., thanks largely to the efforts of former president Duane H. Feisel, has been able to search and copy all token manufacturing records of the largest token manufacturer in the country, since 1920! This information will revolutionize our knowledge about tokens--transportation, parking, and car wash--by quadrupling, or more, the amount of data we have, as to numbers struck, dates struck, who ordered them, and of course data on dozens and dozens of tokens we didn't previously know about. Full details of this are found in Feisel's article in this issue.

We come to you with a May issue only two weeks after the April issue, but I am on a tight schedule, and still have a June and July issue to publish before I leave for the West Coast in late June. So we expect to publish the June issue on May 25 (i.e., mail it out on that date), and the July issue on June 15. So please have ads and articles in as soon as you can, and they will be published in the next available issue. I seem to have plenty of stuff to publish already for the June issue, but the more the merrier!

Something we need is a new Personal Token Listing, as all we have now is the List done by Don Noe a few years back, published by NEVA, and 5 supplements that have appeared since in The Fare Box. Will someone volunteer to type up (neatly!) a new comprehensive listing for us, using numbers that have already been assigned? I then could make stencils on our machine and publish it free for members. If anyone is willing to volunteer, please write me before you act.

Every so often someone finds a little stranger that looks like a transportation token but obviously is only a cute advertising piece. Such is one just received from Greg Prgomet, made of nickel-plated something-or-other, inscribed "For the Ride of Your Life Ride Big Horn" on obverse, with some sort of insignia on reverse. About half dollar size. Anyone know what this thing is?

Julius Berneburg writes that William D. Smith, listed as not having paid his 1975 dues, had died back in April 1974. We never knew this. Bill Smith was an ardent collector, and a friend of Mr. Berneburg's since 1928.

Incidentally, a number of those on that no-pay list have since paid up, and will be listed in the new 1975 Roster. We lost fewer this year than at any time in the last decade!



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Nominations having closed, and there being only one nomination for each of the four elective offices, the above will be automatically elected.

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= MAY NEW ISSUES SERVICE REPORT =  
By John G. Nicolosi

It seems that just yesterday I sent in a report for April and here it is time for the May report. As promised last month there will be 5 very nice tokens winging their way to you shortly, perhaps already in your hands by now. These are CT 210 C (another dual purpose token, for both parking & transportation); NJ 710 C D; NY 980 B; PA 875 B. All NIS members, provided their accounts are sufficient to cover the cost, will receive these tokens. Again our thanks go out to Joel Reznick for his continued help.

We are especially fortunate to have the two New Jersey tokens; after quite some time and a lot of communication I finally got permission from the State Authority to purchase quantities of these two for our members. These tokens have seen constant use and some of them have nicks, so please be satisfied with what you receive, as it is only by the grace of God we have them at all, in any condition.

This month two more members added to NIS: Julius Berneburg, from Waiting List to Associate, and Louis Crawford to Regular membership.

Some newer members have been asking how to get on NIS. Just drop me a note and ask to be put on the waiting list. When it's your turn you will be notified what to do. Meanwhile, to stay abreast of new issues, take advantage of my ads each month, where you'll be able to buy most of the new issues as they arrive here.

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= LOS ANGELES A.V.A. CONVENTION EXPECTED TO BE LARGEST IN HISTORY =

The 1975 A.V.A. Annual Convention will meet August 15, 16, 17, at the Ramada Inn, 9620 Airport Blvd., in Los Angeles, CA. Bob Ritterband, A.V.A. Past President, is chairman, as he was of the 1966 Convention held at Disneyland. The Disneyland gathering was the biggest we've held so far, but we expect this year's to be even bigger. A new feature will be bourse tables available at nominal cost for those who have a lot of tokens to sell. I talked to Bob on the phone this past week, and this is one convention I definitely would not want to miss. Compared with conventions of other organizations, I believe we get far more for what we pay than anybody else, because no one is trying to make a penny on any of our activities. Advance registration, which covers everything--the special tour token, the tour itself, the banquet, and lots of other stuff--is only \$14.00. Send advance registrations to Bob Ritterband at 6576 Colgate Avenue - Los Angeles, CA 90048. Please do it as soon as possible.

= MEYER & WENTHE RECORDS SEARCHED =  
by Duane H. Feisel

As far as members of the AVA are concerned, the minting firm of Meyer & Wenthe, Chicago, Illinois, has a special position in our hobby. In business since 1854, M&W has been responsible for making most of the tokens listed in Atwood's Catalogue, Feisel's Catalogue and Ford's Catalogue; I have not yet tried to get any accurate count, but it looks like M&W has produced as much as 80% of all the tokens listed in those three catalogues! And their production today of these tokens is probably even higher.

Over the years I have developed a business relation with Meyer & Wenthe--my sales of tokens and medals to business, organizations and individuals is such that I am one of the largest customers of Meyer & Wenthe in that product. Meyer & Wenthe was purchased by Consolidated Foods, a large conglomerate, within the past two years after having been operated as a privately owned business for about 120 years! The general manager of the Meyer & Wenthe operation and I have become good personal friends in addition to being good business friends.

At the Jamboree East in Pittsburgh in October 1974, M&W placed a display of their products, and the general manager came to the show. Through that visit he became more aware of what token collectors are all about, and he issued an invitation for me to come to the plant and to look over their records. So, toward the end of November 1974, I flew east for my first visit.

My mother and other relatives live in Detroit, so before going to Chicago I stopped there for a visit of a few days--I thought. For those of you who can remember something about the weather in Detroit this past winter, I got caught in that terrific snowstorm which paralyzed all of Southern Michigan for a few days. Thus, I spent more time in Detroit than I had planned (and I once again got a taste of shoveling snow) and less time in Chicago. But I was able finally to get to Chicago and spend four days at the M&W plant.

The first thing I was shown was a set of six looseleaf binders, each about three inches thick, which contained records of every token made by M&W since 1920! Now, a "token" by M&W standards is any piece which is made to a specific size for use in a coin or token acceptor such as a farebox, turnstile, parking gate, vending machine, car wash mechanism, etc. In M&W terminology, what most of us call tokens (such as used by merchants, military bases, etc.) are "trade checks," and M&W keeps no permanent records of trade checks. Files are kept for five years, and after that time they are destroyed.

Well, the record books were something else! Listed are the company name, shipping address, the date of each shipment, the quantity shipped, the size and metal of the token, the inscription on the token, and the cost of the order. Also, the records also carried other information such as special plating jobs, destruction of tokens returned by companies, location of secret anti-counterfeiting marks, etc. It was an incredible experience to view those

record books for the first time! What a wealth of information! And almost every bit of it important to our hobby. For those four days I stayed with Mr. Randall J. Pickard who is the general manager of the plant. Typically I was up at about 5 AM, we got to the plant about 7 AM, stayed until about 5 PM, and then I stayed up working on material brought home with me until about 1 or 2 AM. Needless to say, after four days like that I was exhausted. Even working such hours, I was able to make only a small dent in recording the information in those record books. What I did was to pencil in information on shipping dates and quantities in the appropriate catalogues for specific tokens. For special information, I either copied down the data, or ran a copy of the page or pages. On that same trip, I did spend some time in the files and in looking through boxes of material for old catalogues, advertising literature, pictures, etc. Also, I took time to develop relationships with the plant personnel.

Upon returning home, I got in touch with John Coffee and others on the Catalogue Committee and told them of the sort of records at M&W, and the fact that they were available to me. Convinced of the great importance of these data to AVA, the Catalogue Committee agreed to sponsor my trips to Chicago to record the data. Thus, from Catalogue Committee funds, the AVA has paid my travel and living expenses, and I have given my time.

My second visit to Chicago was in early January 1975. This time I stayed at a motel located about ten blocks away from the plant. This motel is fairly new and comfortable, but it is located right in the heart of Skid Row. Each morning I walked to the plant, and for most evenings I was able to get a ride back to the motel. The neighborhood is such that it is not very comfortable to be walking on the streets after dark, so I had most of my meals at the motel--their food is terrible. It was not until my last day there that I learned of a section a few blocks away which contains a number of fine Greek restaurants. Anyhow, for this second trip I stayed a total of ten days. Typically I was into the plant at 7:30 AM, stayed there until 4:30 PM, and then stayed up until 1 to 2 AM working on material I brought back to the motel with me. On Saturday I was able to work at the plant, and on Sunday I had records at the motel. I thought I would never tire of tokens, but by the time I left Chicago from that trip, I really didn't care if I ever saw another token or token description in my life! However, a few days of rest and recuperation and things were back to normal!

On that second trip I continued to record the data from the six record books, started searching files ready to be discarded, and took time to "nose around" the plant. M&W had moved into their present plant only about a year ago, so a lot of material is still stored away in packing boxes. M&W had been in their previous plant for probably 65 years or so, and as a result there was much material that no one knew about. I found out that large quantities of material were left behind or discarded during the move--I wonder what got tossed out?



While looking through the many storage cabinets in which dies are stored (mainly trade token dies), way back in a bottom drawer I came across a looseleaf booklet of 8-1/2"x11" pages on which someone had laboriously made impressions of all the reverse dies in stock. It appears to me that that booklet was prepared in the mid-1920's. There are about 150 pages, and multiple impressions are on each page. As a rough estimate, I figure there are impressions of about 4000 reverse dies! When I showed the pages to the foreman, he said that as far as he was concerned they were absolutely worthless and that had he found them, they would have been discarded. I saved the company the trouble of disposing of them, and now have them in my possession.

During that trip I also learned that there was a separate thick record book for all the Sofspra tokens. Despite the long hours of diligent effort, there was no way to complete recording the data.

Another trip was in order, and I returned to Chicago for the third visit in mid-March, staying for eight days. On that trip I completed going through the token record books, including the Sofspra book. Also more time was spent in searching the files to be discarded, and in going through more recent files. After those eight days in Chicago, I again had the feeling that I never wanted anything to do with tokens ever again. One improvement on that visit was the fact that the daylight hours were longer, and by eating early in the evening I was able to walk back and forth to those Greek restaurants I mentioned earlier. One thrill during the trip was on the afternoon that I first arrived at the motel. I checked in, went to my room but could not get into the room since there was a problem with the lock, waited for the security man to let me in with his special key, unpacked, and then prepared to go back through the lobby to go to the plant. As I left the room, I thought that I had better check that lock again, so I took about half a minute to find out that there was still a problem with the lock. As I exited the elevator into the lobby, I found out that the cashier had been held up at gunpoint about 30 seconds earlier! Had I not tested that lock, I could have been right in the middle of things.

On visits two and three, I spent a bit of time in the die making department, so I now have a pretty good idea of how token dies are made. For certain dies, M&W uses hobs, and I spent half a day cataloguing the hobs they have on file. I plan to do a series of articles for THE FARE BOX describing various aspects of M&W operations, and the die making will be one of the early ones.

I have a mountain of information which needs processing. Much of it I have to do myself since there is confidential information involved. However, Ralph Freiberg and Harold Ford will also be spending a lot of time on this information. There is such a tremendous amount of information that it will be many, many months before it is fully processed. However, it means a continuous flow of information to the membership for some time.

One of the results of all of this is that the new editions of our catalogues will be in a new format in order to incorporate intelligently pertinent data such as shipping dates and quantities

struck--I guarantee that there will be some real surprises! Ralph Freiberg and I have both begun to utilize some of this information in our reports, and soon Harold Ford will be doing the same. The records contain many references to unlisted transportation, parking and car wash tokens--some of them modern items, but many of them older pieces.

I feel that the availability of all this information will have a tremendous beneficial effect on AVA, and that in the months and years ahead we will be able to move to new plateaus in our collecting. For this we owe Meyer & Wenthe, and especially the general manager, Randy Pickard, a great deal of gratitude. Their enlightened attitude toward collectors and collecting has made all of this possible. The benefits to us are many, and should be continuing in the future.

Now, what does the future hold for all of this? First, the mountain of data needs to be processed and passed along to the AVA membership. That is going to take months if not years, and will involve untold hours of effort. Next, there is such a wealth of information pertaining to the company that I have begun planning on a book which will present this information. The "heart" of the book will be a catalogue of the old-time reverse dies which I mentioned previously. Many of these reverses relate to transportation tokens, or transportation related tokens, and I will do a special article on them in the near future. The book will also contain information about the company and the way they make tokens. Also it will contain a number of old pictures, and copies of catalogue pages relating to tokens. Finally, I hope to incorporate comments from the old-timers who are or have been with M&W. If possible, the catalogue of reverse dies might be expanded to include those used now, and possibly pictures can be taken of current operations.

Earlier I mentioned the hobs on hand. I am exploring the possibility that these hobs could be used to create portions of personal tokens for collectors. For example, you might be able to have a reproduction of an obsolete old token as the center part of a personal token.

I hope to be able to make another trip to Chicago before the end of the summer at which time I can get information on all the tokens made since my last trip, continue searching the files to be discarded and those which will be discarded off in the future, and perhaps catalogue all dies on file. Now that I think about it, if I am to accomplish this, many weeks or labor would be involved.

In summary, it has been and continues to be an exciting and inspiring experience! Now if only some of the other manufacturers would cooperate the same way.

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= REMEMBER: 1975 A.V.A. CONVENTION - LOS ANGELES - AUGUST 15-17 =

A.V.A. CONVENTION (1975) MAIL BID AUCTION

This portion of the A.V.A. convention auction consists of those items designated by the submitters to be in the mail auction, all transportation passes, low-priced catalogue tokens not in the main auction, and all miscellaneous transportation items. This mail auction is different from other A.V.A. auctions in that it is heavy in foreign transportation compared to previous A.V.A. auctions, mainly because my name is associated with the foreign catalogue. This fact caused others to submit their foreign tokens for the auction. This is the best opportunity in several years to fill in some gaps in your foreign collections, particularly British. The only underlined census token submitted for the total auction is in the mail auction, as it is a transportation pass. It was submitted by a Newcastle, England collector and it is Australia 720A (Sydney). To my knowledge there are only two 720A's known; the one in the auction, and the other one in my collection. The first 54 lots were designated by the submitters to be in the mail auction. Otherwise, some items would be in the floor auction, and includes R.I. 520K, the evasive token mentioned by Ralph Freiberg in the Feb. 1975 Farebox. In transportation passes, there is a complete set of six-month dated passes from Jan. 1957 through June 1973, when they were discontinued (Mainly 480KD through 480SP). All items have reserves and no bids will be accepted at less than reserve. The successful mail bid on any item will be at 5 cents over the second highest bid or in case of tie bids, the lot will be awarded to the bidder with the earliest postmark on his letter. Bids on the mail auction must be received by me one week before the start of the A.V.A. convention (by August 8th). PLEASE submit your bids on 8 1/2 by 11 inch sheets with the left 3/4 inch blank and your name and address at top of sheets, so they can be put in a binder for inspection and convention records. Kirk will tabulate the bids during that week and determine the successful bidders by convention time. State on your bid sheet whether or not you will be at the convention, so that Kirk can get from the bank and bring to the convention the lots you were successful in acquiring. If you are attending the convention, immediately after registering, please pick up the mail bid lots from Kirk that you were successful in acquiring and pay with Cash (preferably) or by check. Cash enables the submitters attending the convention to be paid immediately. No credit cards are acceptable for payment as the club cannot process them. Any mail bid items not receiving the reserve will also be available at the reserve on a first come, first serve basis at the auction table from Kirk Smith. Those successful bidders not attending the convention will be notified very soon after the convention as to what they were successful in acquiring in both auctions. Upon receipt of the money for the lots, plus required insurance and postage, the lots you were successful in acquiring will be sent to you insured. All lots will be sent insured. Please bid both by lot number and catalogue number, so that if you make a mistake, you will not get the wrong lot. Mail the bid sheets to

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LOT	ITEM	RESERVE	LOT	ITEM	RESERVE	LOT	ITEM	RESERVE
Alabama			Georgia			Minnesota		
1	750B	.60	10	690A	.25	18	245A	.25
2	750M	.30	Indiana			19	620B	2.50
3	750N	.25	11	90A	.60	20	620C	2.50
Alaska			Iowa			21	820B	.60
4	450H	.80	12	600A	.60	22	820C	.60
California			13	730A	.60	Montana		
5	25A	3.00	Maryland			23	480A	.25
6	105A	3.60	14	60T	2.00	Nevada		
7	450G	.75	15	60AL	1.00	24	100A	1.25
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9	1000N	2.00	17	60AP	5.00	26	100C	.65

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LOT	ITEM	RESERVE	LOT	ITEM	RESERVE	LOT	ITEM	RESERVE
New Jersey			Australia			Illinois		
27	30A	.30	71	480NI	1.30	118	250K	.30
28	885A	.25	72	480NQ	1.30	119	250L	.40
No. Carolina			73	480NV	1.30	120	250M	.60
29	690C	.80	74	480OA	1.30	121	250N	.75
30	690D	.80	75	480OF	1.50	Indiana		
31	690E	.80	76	480OK	1.30	122	930G	1.00
32	880A	.80	77	480OP	1.30	Michigan		
33	880B	1.60	78	480OU	1.30	123	75I	.25
Penna.			79	480PD	1.30	Nebraska		
34	150A	1.00	80	480PN	1.30	124	305D	.50
35	150B	2.00	81	480PI	1.40	N.H.		
36	630A	1.60	82	480PS	1.30	125	700A	.25
37	630B	1.60	83	480PX	1.30	N.M.		
38	997A	1.05	84	480QC	1.30	126	40C	.25
39	997F	1.05	85	480QJ	1.30	N.Y.		
40	997I	1.05	86	480QP	1.30	127	631F	2.00
41	997J	1.05	87	480QU	1.30	128	631L	2.00
42	997N	1.05	88	480RA	1.30	129	875D	2.00
Rhode Is.			89	480RF	1.30	No. Carolina		
43	520K	8.00	90	480RK	1.30	130	630A	2.00
Tenn.			91	480RP	1.30	N.D.		
44	430A	4.50	92	480RU	1.30	131	60D	1.00
Texas			93	480SA	1.30	132	320E	2.25
45	255P	.60	94	480SF	1.30	Ohio		
Virginia			95	720A	20.00	133	175AA	.25
46	20K	.30	96	720BN	10.00	Penna.		
Washington			97	720BO	10.00	134	125B	1.25
47	720A	.60	98	720BP	10.00	135	950G	1.50
48	880A	.60	99	720BQ	10.00	S.C.		
Wisconsin			100	720DP	10.00	136	500A	1.50
49	170B	1.20	101	720DS	10.00	Va.		
50	170C	1.20	ENGLAND			137	190A	.25
51	170D	1.20	102	240PB	5.00	CANADA		
Phillipines			103	240PC	5.00	British Columbia		
52	700G	2.00	104	240PE	5.00	138	450B	2.00
53	700H	2.00	105	240PF	5.00	Austria		
54	700I	2.00	106	240PG	5.00	139	840A	.60
Australia			107	240PH	5.00	Australia		
55	480EA	4.00	108	240PI	5.00	140	480XB	.35
56	480EJ	4.00	109	240PJ	5.00	141	480XC	.25
57	480FQ	4.00	110	240PL	5.00	142	720XE	.35
58	480FU	4.00	111	240PM	5.00	Brazil		
59	480GX	4.00	112	560PA	3.60	143	700A	.60
60	480GU	4.00	ALASKA			Czechoslovakia		
61	480HE	4.00	113	190A	5.50	144	600A	1.00
62	480KD	2.60	Arkansas			Denmark		
63	480KM	2.60	114	435M	1.50	145	160C	.25
64	480LA	1.90	Colorado			France		
65	480LJ	1.90	115	140I	1.25	146	660BB	.50
66	480LS	1.30	Conn.			Germany		
67	480MA	1.30	116	30A	.50	147	100D	1.00
68	480MI	1.30	Georgia			148	60A	1.25
69	480MR	1.30	117	240C	1.50	149	60B	1.25
70	480NA	1.30						

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LOT	ITEM	RESERVE	LOT	ITEM	RESERVE	LOT	ITEM	RESERVE
GERMANY			ENGLAND			ENGLAND		
150	230A	.75	195	135AY	.30	250	53CAD	.60
151	230B	.75	196	135AZ	.30	251	545AT	.25
152	120A	.75	197	135BA	.30	252	545AV	.30
153	300A	.75	198	135BB	1.50	253	560BC	.30
154	480B	.60	199	135BC	.30	254	560BR	.30
155	680A	.60	200	135BD	.30	255	560BS	.30
156	670A	1.00	201	135BE	.30	256	590BL	.25
157	390P	.80	202	135BF	.30	257	590BM	.30
158	390Q	.70	203	135BG	.30	258	685M	1.00
Hungary			204	135BH	.30	259	685CQ	.25
159	100B	1.00	205	135BI	.30	260	685CR	.30
Iran			206	135BJ	.30	261	685DD	.25
160	750J	.60	207	135BK	.30	262	685DE	.30
New Zealand			208	135BL	1.50	263	685DM	.30
161	240A	.50	209	135BM	.60	264	685HA	3.00
Northern Ireland			210	159ZA	.60	265	705AB	1.20
162	160DQ	.25	211	170AE	.60	266	705BA	.30
Scotland			212	170CA	.30	267	715AW	.30
163	420K	4.00	213	170CB	.30	268	715AX	.30
164	420L	4.00	214	170CC	.30	269	800BI	.30
Sweden			215	170CD	.30	270	800CF	.60
165	220BF	.25	216	230BE	.25	271	800CG	.60
166	220BG	.25	217	230BF	.25	272	810BM	.30
167	220BH	.25	218	235AL	.30	273	812AA	.30
168	220BI	.25	219	235AK	.30	274	812AB	.30
Turkey			220	240I	.60	275	865AL	.30
169	400RA	1.50	221	240J	.60	276	865AP	.30
South Africa			222	240K	.75	277	875AK	.30
170	160C	.60	223	240S	.30	Parking Tokens		
171	160D	.60	224	240U	.75	California		
172	160E	.60	225	240V	.75	278	3450AA	.25
173	160AB	.60	226	242AA	.30	279	3450AD	1.00
174	160AC	.60	227	315AA	.30	280	3450AE	1.00
175	160AL	.60	228	315AB	.30	Illinois		
176	160AH	.60	229	315AC	.30	281	3150E	.25
177	160BK	.60	230	315AD	.30	Iowa		
178	160BL	.60	231	350AG	.30	282	3300E	.25
179	160BM	.60	232	350AH	.30	Md.		
180	160CA	.60	233	350AL	1.00	283	3520A(a)	.25
Wales			234	350AM	1.00	N.C.		
181	30AA	.30	235	350AN	1.00	284	3630A	.25
182	30AB	.30	236	350AO	1.00	Wisconsin		
183	30AC	.30	237	405DH	.25	285	3510N	.25
184	30AD	.30	238	445HA(a)	6.00	286	3930A	.25
185	30AL	.30	239	445HA(b)	7.50	US Time Table		
186	30AM	.30	240	452AF	.25	287	F	2.50
England			241	452AG	.30	US Mfg. Samples		
187	48BF	.30	242	510AA	.30	288	5N	1.00
188	48BG	.30	243	510AB	.30	289	5 o	1.00
189	48BH	.30	244	510AC	.30	290	5P	1.00
190	50BT	.25	245	510AD	.30	291	5Q	1.00
191	50BU	.30	246	510AE	.30	292	5R	1.00
192	90AH	.25	247	530AA	.60	293	11A	.50
193	90AR	.25	248	530AB	.60	(continued)		
194	90AS	.30	249	530AC	.60			

A.V.A. CONVENTION (1975) MAIL BID AUCTION ( page 4)

Lot 294, California State Numismatic Association organized February 22, 1947 Incorporated June 2, 1961 ( CSNA on Calif. map with Calif. flag and ship)(rev.) California State Numismatic Association 52nd Convention, Oakland, California April 27-29, 1973 (Horsecar) Oakland, Brooklyn & Fruitvale Railroad Co. From Horsecar to Bart ( Bart train) Bay Area Rapid Transit ( B 38 Sd) Reserve 1.10

Lot 295, General Motors Motorama of 1954 ( large GM) ( rev.) Chevrolet Pontiac Oldsmobile Buick Cadillac 1954 ( Car & spoked wheel) ( B 32 Sd ) Reserve 1.00

Lot 296, General Motors Motorama ( large GM) ( rev.) Chevrolet Pontiac Oldsmobile Buick Cadillac 1955 ( Car & design) ( B Dd Sd, a 35mm by 29mm diamond with rounded corners) Reserve 2.00

Lot 297, Cable & Day "The Tire Men" Seiberling Cord Tires Plumas Street Yuba City (rev.) Good for \$1.00 on any new tire ( A 39 Sd) (a Calif. token of the 1920's) Reserve 3.50

Lot 298, Golden Gate International Exposition 1939 San Francisco Bay (picture of bridge) (rev.) Road of the Streamliners and the Challengers Union Pacific ( shield with Union Pacific Overland) ( two train engines) Aluminum in these famous trains furnished by Aluminum Company of America ( A 32 Sd) Reserve 1.00

Lot 299, Auburn, Washington 75 years 1893-1968 ( large train engine with airplane overhead) ( rev.) Auburn, Washington Diamond Jubilee Official Souvenir Coin, Good for one dollar in trade at Auburn Chamber of Commerce before November 12, 1968 ( large 1 in center) (Wm 32 Sd) Reserve 1.00

Lot 300, "Pixieland" Central Oregon Coast ( Train engine & Coach)(rev.) " Pixie Kitchen" Central Oregon Coast ( train engine & Coach) ( B 28 Sd) Reserve .30

Lot 301, Sinclair Refining Company ( signature) (large HC) ( rev.) Fifty Gallon Release thru Petinco System Code(no.) (Wm 29 Sd) Reserve 2.00

Lot 302, Sinclair Refining Company (signature)(large HC) (rev.) 100Gallon Release thru Petinco System (no.) ( Wm 29 Sd) Reserve 2.00

Lot 303, Sinclair Refining Company ( signature)(large HC)(rev.) Fifty Gallon Release thru Petinco System Code FE-AN Sinclair Gasoline ( Wm 29 Sd) Reserve 2.00

Lot 304, Fiore Coal & Oil Co. ( of Chicago) ( stamped letters) (signature) (rev.) Good for Fifty Gallons Phillips 66 ( Wm 29 Sd) Reserve 2.00

Part Two the combined Mail & Floor Auction will be published next month.

Kenneth E. Smith

= MAY SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE =  
By Ralph Freiberg

CONNECTICUT

Hartford 210 (Reported by Hector Turgeon & Joel Reznick)  
DOWNTOWN HARTFORD CONNECTICUT'S LARGEST SHOPPING CENTER  
INSTANT REPAY TOKEN (COLONIAL HAT)  
C B 22 Sd Thanks From Downtown Hartford (design) (\* 3/75) \$0.30  
[210 C is good on a Connecticut Company bus, or for parking]

MISSOURI

Kansas City Airport 441 (Reported by Meyer White)  
K C I [= Kansas City International]  
WM 23 Sd Good For One Fare (diamonds) (\* 1972)

NEW JERSEY

Pleasantville 710 (Reported by Meyer White)  
ATLANTIC CITY EXPRESSWAY  
C o WM 29 Sd (same as obverse) (\* 1968-5/31/72) (NR).50  
D o WM 29 Sd (like C, but with blue anodized aluminum center on both  
sides) (\* 1969-5/31/72) (NR).50  
[C & D were used by the Expressway Police and State Police only; all  
tokens of this expressway became obsolete 5/31/72.]

NEW YORK

White Plains 980 (Reported by Melvin Fox & Joel Reznick)  
WESTCHESTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION TOKEN (MAP)  
B B 28 Sd Good on Approved Routes One Fare WT (Mfg mintmark) (\*12/74) .35  
[Senior Citizen token]

PENNSYLVANIA

Rochester 810 (Reported by Meyer White & Gerald Riedel)  
ROCHESTER TRANSIT CO. ROCHESTER, PA.  
A o B 23 R Good For One Fare ? .50  
[810 A was issued for use on a route from Beaver Falls to Aliquippa on  
the millworkers' run, but their use was stopped by the Public Utilities  
Commission of Pennsylvania. After the death of the owner his widow sold  
a quantity of the tokens to an antique dealer in Rochester.]  
Sunbury 875 (Reported by Meyer White & Joel Reznick)  
S. & N. TRANSIT CO. (BUS)  
B B 23 B1 Good For One Fare (bus) (2 slots) (diamonds) (\* 1970) .50  
[Sunbury & Northumberland, the same name as a horsecar line which operated  
in the 1890's.]

= NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG =

This month we finally received some of the tokens we had been waiting for, and I hope more will arrive in time for the June report. We have, first of all, a combination token good for a bus ride or for parking. And on it we have for the first time the word "repay." Upon boarding a bus, riders are given tickets which can be punched by stores they patronize, to indicate the amount purchased. For a \$5 purchase one gets one token, for a \$10 purchase one gets two tokens. Bus fare is 30¢; or four tokens will be accepted for \$1 worth of parking...or all day parking. The minimum order of tokens for a merchant to obtain is 100, or \$26 worth. When we first heard about this token we didn't know what it was, but a phone call by Joel Reznick got the word for us, and he convinced the Downtown Council to sell our N.I.S. 200 of them. Note this is a 22mm token, slightly smaller than the normal .900 size token we call 23mm. We also have a new mintmark on this token, sort of a colonial hat, which is the emblem

of the Roger Williams Mint. For the present we'll use this term.

Next a token used at Kansas City International Airport. We were not able to get a supply of these for the New Issues Service, and in a letter received by John Coffee the airport officials said they didn't want to send any out and specifically asked him to discourage people from writing for the tokens. But if you want to take your chances, go ahead. From now on I plan to list airport tokens separately from the city, as the airports are nearly always located outside the city limits anyway.

Then a couple of non-revenue tokens, which have been discontinued for about 3 years. Since they are now longer in use, we were able, after a vote of the board members of the Expressway, to get a supply of these for the N.I.S. We were told that, though these are no longer in use, they would still register as 50¢ in a toll box. As most of these were used about 5 years ago the condition isn't pristine, but we have to take what we can get and be grateful that we got them at all...which, frankly, we didn't think we would. These were used by police cars passing thru the gates, and that's why we call this a non-revenue token. Perhaps when other non-revenue tokens for other turnpikes are discontinued we'll also be able to get quantities of them, and thereby justify those who refuse to pay \$10 to \$15 apiece for such tokens.

The senior citizen token of White Plains, NY, came out last December, when Mel Fox read about them in the newspaper. The article said the tokens would be sold to seniors at 6 for \$1, with a limit of six at a time. Again we didn't know where to write, but Joel Reznick, thru some phone calls, found out the office of the County of Westchester was in White Plains. The tokens are accepted by several bus lines, including Club Transportation Co. (listed under Yonkers), Liberty Coaches, and Westchester Street Transportation Co. After much talking, they finally consented to sell us a quantity for the New Issues Service at the regular adult rate which, I believe, is the same as the New York City rate. Had we haggled too long we might not have got any tokens at all. It's a very nice looking token but I don't know what mint struck it--can't tell what the mintmark signifies. This is another case of a token used over a large area and not limited to one city, and perhaps it should simply be given a listing of "Westchester County," but we opted for the home office in White Plains. Another similar problem is NY 630 AM, which is listed from Manhattan, though it was supposed to be used in Westchester County. But the office was in Manhattan, which is why we opted for 630.

The Rochester, PA, token was made back in 1965 and was supposed to be used for a mill run on one of the routes of the Rochester Transit Co. But for some reason they were refused permission to use the tokens! We learned about the token, and it took a little digging by Gerald Riedel to find out what happened to the token supply. It seems that after the death of the former owner (who ordered the tokens), Jack Mignanelli, his widow sold at least a thousand of the tokens to an antique dealer in Rochester. Said dealer will sell them for \$1 each. Since the token was never used, and since we think \$1 is exorbitant, the New Issues Service will not handle distribution of this one. What also discouraged us was that when we wrote said antique dealer for a couple tokens (at his price of \$1 per) we didn't get a reply, and had to send a follow-up letter to see what happened. So if we mentioned this guy's name & address, we couldn't guarantee that members who wrote him would ever get their token or their dollar back. We also are not about to give free advertising to non-member dealers. We offered to buy 200 of them from him at 40¢ to 50¢ apiece, but he insisted that we take the whole thousand at 40¢ each, and we're in no position to do that. At this time I don't know if Gerald Riedel would consider it worth his while to buy any at \$1 each and pay for gas to make the trip to Rochester or not. That is up to him.

Incidentally, when I mention tokens like this which may be available at \$1.00, for heaven's sake remember to send postage in addition to the actual cost. In the old days at 3¢ it wasn't so important, but now with 10¢ postage it is no small item.

Mr. Riedel, in reporting on the Rochester token, also mentioned that some of the tokens of Elmira, NY, like NY 230 D and F, were being used in the Beaver Falls area as adult fares, and NY 230 G and B as student fares. But their use was stopped in 1959 by Beaver Valley Motor Coaches. Until 1971 NY 230 J was used as an adult fare by Hilltop Bus on the Patterson Heights run only. This is a case where the company in Elmira was owned by the same people, and when tokens were discontinued in Elmira, NY, they were sent over to Beaver Falls and later used there. Beaver Valley



Motor Coach owned Hilltop Bus, Woodlawn & Southern, and Ambridge Motor Coach, and many of these tokens of these companies were stored away in boxes under lock and key. Perhaps someday they will surface again, or perhaps be destroyed. You never know what tokens may be stored away in company safes. So, anyway, we know that quantities of the following are now in storage: NY 230 B D F G J; Pa 65 R S, 10 C D E F, 25 E.

We also have found another token from Sunbury. This company first got some tokens in 1970, and reordered more in 1974. But they needed all they had because they sold quantities each month to some business firm. Through a phone call, Joel Reznick suggested they order another thousand, and perhaps by selling us 200 it would cover their cost of making the whole thousand. We figured we would have to pay about 35¢ each, but after they reordered, they charged us 50¢ each, which is why listing is 50¢. This is something we do occasionally: ask a company to order another thousand tokens so that we can get 200 for our New Issues Service--if there seems no other way we can get them. We may have to pay a bit more, but this is still better than paying \$1 to \$2 apiece after the supply has been sold off to an antique dealer. Incidentally, transportation in Sunbury dates back to 1890 when there was a Sunbury & Northumberland Company. S & N Transit was a subsidiary of the old streetcar company, which operated the bus division.

We hope to have some school tokens to list next month. We're having some trouble obtaining a couple of them: one is used in Washington, DC, where our member seems to be having trouble connecting. Another is being used out here in California. The trouble with the California token is that the new ones are mixed in with old tokens, and if we buy a roll of tokens we are likely as not to get more old ones than new ones, and the old ones we would be stuck with as everyone already has them. However the company expects the arrival of another order, and promised to sell us 200 of them when they arrive. But I'm still sitting here waiting for word on that.

Last year I ran a list of tokens using the two types of stock reverses on 16mm tokens picturing the type #3 bus. I hoped to get a better response than I did, to see if I left any out. But only heard from half a dozen collectors, and from them learned I did miss a couple. But it is a large amount of work to make up such lists, and it is really important for collectors to check them over and let me know if I have omitted any. Photos of these stock reverses appeared on Page 116 of the September 1974 Fare Box, and a list of the tokens on Page 127. I have learned of a couple I didn't know about: a B variety on Ark 360 H, and a B variety on NC 360 A. I need both of these and would not know if anyone would have any duplicates that I could get or if extras would be available from the source.

I wrote about these varieties while in hospital last fall, and expected some to write me asking about the B variety on Ala 570 F, of which I obtained some extras. I guess the question is, How many people would be interested in such minor varieties and should I use the space to mention them. Some of the information obtained from the Meyer & Wenthe records shows that companies sometimes would order the same token half a dozen times. So quite possibly there would be die varieties on such tokens. If you would like me to indicate such companies which frequently reordered, and which therefore might have die varieties, let me know. Won't use the space unless I hear that someone is interested.

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= THE ATKINS COLLECTION =

As of today, May 5, all who have sent payment for tokens they received in the Third Atkins Auction have had their tokens mailed to them, and they should have received them by the time this issue gets there. About 65% of the tokens in the collection remain unsold, but of course nearly all of the "cream" has been sold, and I have insufficient energy to run any more of these auctions. Present plans are for me to take the balance of the collection to the AVA Convention at Los Angeles, where the tokens will be priced for quick sale at fixed prices. There is nothing secret about all this. So far we have taken in about \$6,700, with about \$300 outstanding from the auction. The rest of the tokens being mostly quite common, I doubt if we can squeeze another \$1,000 out of them. But, still, we did better by far than I anticipated!

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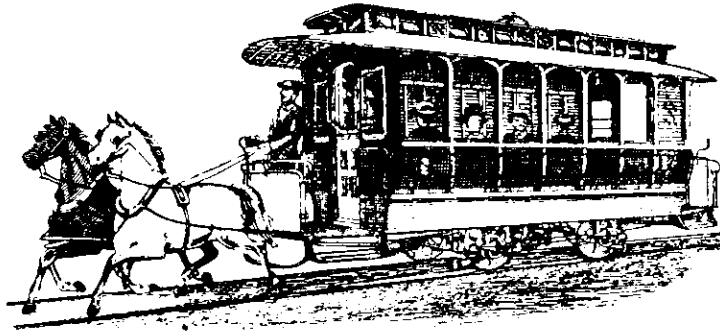
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May 27. We missed our deadline for this issue because A.B. Dick didn't get the paper and stencils here until this afternoon. The July issue will be published on either the 15th or 22nd, so please rush all ads and articles to the Editor, as time is very short. I shall leave Boston via Amtrak on June 27, stopping over in Washington, Chicago, Denver, and San Francisco, on my way to Tacoma, arriving in Tacoma on July 17 after what I pray will be a pleasant trip, but after last year I'm not so sure. You've all probably heard about the rail fan whose wife had a baby that arrived two weeks late, so they named him "Amtrak." An August issue of no more than 8 pages will be published from Tacoma during the first week in August, and then there will be a pause of at least six weeks until a September issue comes out from Boston.

I look forward to meeting everybody at the Los Angeles Convention of the A.V.A. which will be held August 15-17. I expect to be coming down from Tacoma by Amtrak. Speaking of said convention, you will find enclosed with this issue an envelope addressed to Bob Ritterband, this year's convention chairman. You are to use this envelope to send Bob your advance registration (and thereby save yourself a little from what you will otherwise have to pay at the door). Conventions are very expensive to set up, and Bob needs some working capital. So entirely aside from saving money, please send in your advance registration for altruistic reasons and help Bob pay current expenses!

Last month I asked for volunteers to help prepare a new Personal Token catalogue, by typing a neat copy for it. The line forms to the right. So far a great silence has greeted that plea. Which is understandable. It is a big job. Well, when I get around to it I'll do it myself, perhaps as a section in the new Supplement to the Atwood Catalogue. Speaking of which, every once in a while I get a query from some innocent soul asking why we don't publish a Fourth Edition. Well, if no one wants to do a little personal token listing, you can imagine all the volunteers for what will be a 900 to 1,000-page opus. If we want to charge \$35 a copy and hire professional typists, no doubt we can have frequent editions. But under the present dispensation with volunteer help, we have to await his (my) ability and time to do it which, from the present vantage, seems way off yonder somewhere in the future. So, for the time being, we shall have to be satisfied with another, but much fancier, supplement, which will have lots of pictures and historical data not in the original. That much I'm ready to do as soon as we digest more of the Meyer & Wenthe files.



= NEVA MEETING IN MAY =

The last meeting of the North Eastern Vecturist Association was held May 10 at the Railroad YMCA, Penn Station, New York City, and was attended by 12 collectors: Frank Brady, Bob Epstein, Charles Heaton, Ralph Hinde, Jim Marquis, Al MacDonald, Ev Mastrich, Bill Schwichrath, Herb Weiss, Jack Wilcox, Ed Wadhams, and Al Zaika. It is encouraging to know that collectors will travel a good distance for tokens: Heaton from Syracuse, Zaika from Philadelphia, Wadhams from Darien, Mastrick from Stamford. Only a couple of us are actually in the city limits!

The bourse table opens the moment any two collectors get together. Boxes, vinyl pages, loose--any way you want them--the tokens are there for everybody to see. As our regulars know, the business of the club is to get collectors together. No formalities. Come and see for yourself.

Next meeting of NEVA is scheduled for July 12, and the welcome mat is out to all.

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= JUNE NEW ISSUES SERVICE REPORT =

By John G. Nicolosi

This month will be a let-down after the past several months. Things are beginning to slow up all of a sudden. One token you will get this month is Cal 615 C. Not many of you have this city represented in your collections so now you have, even though this one is a modern plastic token. Our sincere thanks to John Trembley for making this available to us.

Those of you on my foreign list will receive two from Scotland, 360 CF and CG. As usual our thanks to Ken Smith for getting these for the New Issues Service.

We do have several more U.S. tokens pending, and with luck they will be here by the time you receive this issue. If I do get them I'll mail them this month even though they aren't listed yet. Possibly one from Washington, D.C., and one from Tennessee.

This is the time of year for members to make plans to attend the A.V.A. convention which this year will be at Los Angeles. This is very important: if you are a N.I.S. member and plan to pick up your token at the convention, and if you don't want me to send you one, then please write and tell me. If I don't hear from you, I shall mail you the tour token.

This month we shorten our waiting list by two, and welcome Elmer Hamano of Honolulu and Ted Snook of Denver, to Associate Member status. Welcome aboard.

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= THE TORNIO, FINLAND, FERRY TOKEN =

By Les Hawthorne

The Helsinki (Finland) National Museum informs me that an unlisted token I have was used by a ferry service between 1920 and 1939 at the town of Tornio, Finland. Tornio is situated on the mouth of the Tornion River, which forms the border between Finland and Sweden in that area. Description of the token follows:

5 / TORNION / JOKI (INCUSE)  
B 25 Pc (blank)(very thin brass)

The Museum also informed me that the token from Viborg, Finland 880 F (which I own) which was reported by J. Douglas Ferguson, was used by a bus line prior to 1940 when that part of Finland was taken over by the Russians. That is, the town is now part of the Soviet Union, but the token was used when it was part of Finland, before 1940.

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= SEND IN YOUR ADVANCE RESERVATION NOW FOR THE LOS ANGELES CONVENTION =

## = DELIGHTED, DISAPPOINTED, BUT CONTENTED =

By Lloyd E. Wagaman

Sunday, April 27, in the Indianapolis area dawned as per the forecast. Cloudy skies with possible showers, a ten-mile breeze and an expected high in the low 60's. All considered it was really a good day to stay home and catch up on some token work, of which I am always behind. This was to be the opening day of one of our local flea markets. I probably would have stayed home, but as I felt I should visit an 83-year-old aunt who is in failing health, my wife and I ventured out. Now this local flea market is about 20 miles away, but it happens to be right on the way to my Aunt May's. I couldn't resist stopping at the flea market, but I told the wife that if we got too cold we could cut the stay short. First table I stopped at I bought a blow torch; second table, nothing; third table, a dealer from whom I've purchased numerous items asked me, "Find any good tokens lately?" I replied negative, and we continued. Fourth table, nothing. Fifth table, I spotted a yellow celluloid token in the case. It had the side up with the little trolley on it, so I assumed it was probably one of those common celluloid pieces from Lancaster, Ohio. I asked the man if it was from Lancaster, Ohio, and he said "No, it is from Indianapolis." I just couldn't believe this was happening to me. I asked if I could see it and also the price. You can imagine my delight when I saw it was truly from CITIZENS ST RR CO INDNPLS IND, Ind 460 A, and the price was 75¢. Of course I had to go back to the third table and show this fine find to the dealer there.

Now, we all know that all that glitters is not gold, and I was soon to become disappointed with my new find. There was what appeared to be a scratch on one side of the token. My wife asked, "Are you sure that thing isn't cracked?" I insisted it was only a scratch. Well, after covering the balance of the flea market with no further purchases worth mentioning, we continued on to Aunt May's house. While there I was, of course, looking at and showing my precious find. I really don't know why I applied a little pressure to the token, unless to prove to myself that it was only scratched. At any rate if it wasn't cracked before, it sure is now. It just seemed almost to fall apart in my hands! I then had two pieces, the smaller of which had CITIZENS ST and the F of fare, with the balance on the larger portion. The wife always did say that I didn't know when to leave well enough alone.

My story does have a happy ending, however. With the help of good old Elmer's Glue I managed to reassemble the two pieces, and it only shows a hair-line crack where the break was. Now, of course, I would prefer it not to be cracked, but I am still tickled pink to be able to add this piece to my collection. I realize it's worth far less since the break, but then it isn't for sale so the value doesn't really matter. This is probably the only specimen of Ind 460 A I'll ever have the opportunity to own.

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## = NEW FINDS =

In addition to Lloyd's bitter-sweet story above, some other members are beginning to connect. Roger Bolz writes that he just purchased the second known example of Nebr 855 A. He also found an unlisted Missouri depotel at an Omaha antique show for just a dollar. "The next best token," he adds, "was NM 430 C, also for a dollar."

David Schenkman writes that he has picked up a few good ones. As he puts it: "I picked up a few good tokens--Ark 15 B; Iowa 240 A; Kan 120 A (from an antique dealer's junk box); Ohio 165 J (from Joe's auction), Mich 65 H; and Ont 950 B & C. So the rare tokens are still available. Just missed getting a Fredericksburg Bridge token by a couple of weeks--I'll tell you about it sometime. I now know where two of these tokens are in Fredericksburg, both owned by coin collectors who don't collect tokens. However they won't part with them for anything, at least, so far." Most of these tokens are for sale in David's ad in this issue, if you can afford them.

Rare tokens are still out there. I suppose part of success is having the right positive attitude. Therefore, in the August issue I shall report finding a dozen census tokens for my own collection, after a very successful cross-country trip!

- The 1975 Census of Rare Tokens -  
by Harold V. Ford  
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Oakland, Calif. 94611

This is a list of those transportation tokens of which fewer than ten are known in the hands of collectors. These are the "census tokens." If the letter is underlined, three or less are in the hands of collectors. Collectors swapping rare tokens are advised to consult this list in preference to catalogue values in the Atwood Catalogue, because values of rare tokens in the Atwood Catalogue were simply based on the 1969 census, which in the case of a number of tokens is now much outdated. Thus if a token catalogued at \$7.50 in Atwood is not listed in this list, there are now more than ten of them known. Please write me if you have any questions in regard to this list.

Ala	120 A	220 F	470 A	560 C E G <u>L</u> <u>O</u> R	730 <u>A</u>	800 <u>B</u>
Alaska	300 <u>A</u> <u>B</u>	450 C				
Ariz	640 F					
Ark	15 A	75 A	150 A B C	300 A B	315 A	360 A 720 A 885 A
Calif	220 A	430 A	445 <u>F</u>	525 A 575 <u>B</u> <u>C</u> <u>S</u>	615 <u>A</u> <u>B</u>	630 C 715 <u>A</u> <u>B</u>
	D H I	745 A B C N	760 C	775 A <u>B</u>	815 <u>A</u> <u>B</u>	990 <u>A</u>
Colo	40 <u>C</u>	60 D	380 <u>A</u>	760 A	860 A <u>B</u>	890 <u>A</u>
Conn	55 <u>A</u>	160 <u>A</u>	220 <u>A</u>	230 <u>A</u>	235 <u>A</u> <u>C</u>	290 A 305 <u>A</u> <u>B</u> <u>C</u> 325 <u>A</u>
	750 <u>A</u>					
Fla	230 A	310 A	380 I Q R V	530 G	540 D	
Ga	50 A	60 A B C	D E F G	270 <u>A</u>	750 <u>A</u> <u>B</u> <u>C</u> <u>D</u> <u>E</u>	905 <u>A</u>
Haw	210 A E K					
Ida	740 A B					
Ill	95 A	120 A	122 A	123 A	135 D E	140 A 150 D E F G H K L M
	N O P Q Y <u>AH</u>	190 <u>A</u> <u>B</u>	195 A	220 <u>A</u>	290 <u>A</u>	295 <u>A</u> 350 <u>A</u> <u>B</u>
	375 A <u>B</u>	415 A B C	425 A	435 A B	455 G	580 A 600 A B
	605 A <u>B</u>	650 <u>A</u> <u>B</u>	655 <u>A</u>	690 <u>A</u> <u>G</u>	768 <u>A</u> <u>B</u>	795 G 820 <u>A</u> <u>B</u>
	910 A <u>B</u>					
Ind	20 A	140 A	160 A B C	180 B	270 B	405 A 450 C 460 A B C
	K M	490 A	510 D	520 A	580 C	600 A 610 A E 680 <u>E</u> 685 <u>A</u> <u>B</u>
	700 A B C E	780 A	820 A B	860 A	900 A	930 A B
Iowa	20 A	30 C	75 A	80 A <u>B</u>	90 A	130 A B C 150 C 180 A B
	240 A	290 A	300 A B C F	310 B	370 <u>A</u> <u>B</u>	380 A B C D E F G
	H I	485 A	550 A	555 A B	565 A	575 A 630 A 640 A C D F G
	I J K R	660 A B	700 A	710 A B	850 A B C D E F G H I J Y	
	865 <u>A</u>	875 A	880 A	910 B	920 A	930 A B K 980 <u>A</u> <u>B</u>
Kans	85 A B C	120 A	370 A	450 H	570 A	600 A B 620 A B C D E
	F G <u>H</u>	640 A B C E	680 A B C D E F	G H I	700 A B	770 <u>A</u> <u>B</u>
	780 <u>A</u>	830 A	900 A B C	905 A B C	910 A	970 A
Ky	10 A B C E F R	85 A B D	100 A B C D E	200 A	270 A C	370 A B
	465 <u>A</u>	510 <u>B</u> <u>E</u> M P S W AA AF AQ AS AT BU	520 A	560 <u>A</u>	641 A <u>B</u>	
	C D E	670 A	680 A B	885 A	970 A	
La	240 A	470 A B	670 I J	790 B	810 A B C D E	
Mary	60 A	E F G F S	600 C	940 B		
Mass	115 C D E F	260 B C	295 A			
Mich	5 B	65 A F H	170 A B C	370 A H	510 A B	525 B N 530 A C
	J O	560 A I	590 A C D	605 C E G	630 <u>A</u>	670 <u>A</u> 680 <u>B</u> <u>D</u> <u>G</u>
	735 A	845 <u>B</u>	945 <u>A</u>			
Minn	40 A	50 A B C D E F G H I J K	60 A B	110 A C	230 A D E	
	300 <u>A</u>	400 <u>A</u>	410 <u>A</u>	430 <u>A</u>	490 A	540 <u>E</u> 630 <u>A</u> <u>B</u> 660 <u>A</u> <u>B</u> <u>C</u>
	720 <u>A</u>	730 <u>A</u>	765 A B	970 A	980 <u>A</u>	
Miss	620 <u>E</u>	720 A B C	900 B H	980 <u>A</u>		

Mo 10 A 25 A 70 A B C 130 B 160 A B 190 A B 200 A C D E F G  
 330 A B 350 B E 370 A B 430 A B 435 A 580 A 640 B 665 A  
 700 B 820 E 830 B 860 A B C 910 P Q X 920 A B C D E F G  
 980 A B 990 A  
 Mont 320 A B 690 A  
 Nebr 120 A B 320 A 370 A 440 B C D 540 A B E F G H I J K L M  
 700 B D 830 A 855 A 940 A  
 Nev 250 A  
 N J 20 A B C 145 A 175 A 290 B C D E 390 A B C D 730 A B  
 N M 430 B  
 N Y 105 A C 140 A B C D 240 A 285 C 445 A B 595 A B 629 A B  
 630 A C E F G H I J K M N O R S 631 R 890 B D 935 A B C D  
 N C 40 A 140 A 280 A B C D 390 A 700 A 950 A  
 N D 60 A 260 A 600 A B C 620 A  
 Ohio 10 H I J 30 A 35 A E 165 A B C D E F H I J K L AG 166 B C  
 D E F G H I 175 A E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S U V AB  
 210 A 230 A B C E F G I K Y AA AB 240 A B C D 270 A 290 C  
 410 A 450 A B 465 A B C 495 A B 515 A B 535 A 590 A  
 625 A C 660 A 700 A 730 A 745 A 785 A 790 B 830 A B  
 870 A 900 A D E F 910 A B C 995 A B  
 Okla 190 A B 295 A 320 A 330 A B C D 425 A 590 A 900 A  
 Ore 120 A 160 I 945 A  
 Pa 15 A B 20 A 73 A 115 A B 125 A 130 A B 140 A 165 B D  
 260 A 315 B C 320 B C D 350 A B C D 355 A 385 A B C D  
 395 A B 400 A E 455 B 495 D 515 A 526 A B C D AA BA BB BC  
 BD BE BF CA CB CC CD DA DB DC EA EB EC ED EE EF EG EH EI FA FB  
 GA GB HA HB HC JA JB JC JD KA KB 605 A 675 A 680 A B 725 C  
 F G 745 A C E 750 C D E H I J Q T U V AW 765 A B C E F G H  
 L M N O T U V W AD AE 770 A B 785 A 840 C D 875 A 905 A  
 965 A B E F G H J 975 B C E 985 A B  
 R I 620 B C  
 S C 310 A 650 A  
 S D 370 A B 380 A 725 A 840 G 890 A B C 970 A  
 Tenn 430 C D E F K 490 A 600 A D 690 A B C D  
 Tex 55 A B 75 A 120 A 135 A 140 A B 320 A F 340 A C D E  
 370 A 445 F G H 465 A 530 A 555 A 580 A 710 A 770 A B C  
 810 A B G H J 840 B 890 B 900 A 930 A 950 A B D 955 A  
 965 A B C E F I L 985 A  
 Utah 525 A D 750 A B 800 A  
 Va 20 B 60 A 65 A 110 A 350 A 535 A B C D E 580 A B D 600 M  
 N O P 620 M O 660 A B 700 A 730 A B 840 A 940 A  
 Wash 5 F 80 A B 100 A 150 A 230 A B 590 A 690 A 780 A J  
 850 A B 880 K 920 E 930 A  
 W Va 20 A 100 A B 550 A 830 A 890 A B C E F G H I J K L M N O P  
 Wisc 20 B 50 A B 105 B 160 A B C D E F 170 A 180 A C D E  
 245 A 360 C 410 D 420 A B C D G 440 A C D 500 A 510 B  
 511 A 520 A B 530 A B C D E 560 A B C 600 A B 700 A C  
 750 A B 790 C D E L 825 A 840 A B 850 A 870 C D E  
 880 A B D 910 A B 930 A B 935 A B C 955 A 980 B E G  
 Wyo 120 A 150 A  
 DC 500 F AH AK  
 PR 560 A C

This census is based on information received in regard to the discovery and trading of rare tokens. I try to check out auctions and trades between members. I appreciate members' cooperation in reporting trades, auctions, and sales. Therefore, I will not get a double count on the same token and drop it from the census sooner than justified.

= JUNE SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE =  
By Ralph Freiberg

CALIFORNIA

Pacific Grove 615 (Reported by John Trembley)

PACIFIC GROVE MINI-MONARCH

C Pr 23 Sd Token Good For 1 Ride (white letters) (\* 5/74) \$0.15

UNIDENTIFIED (Reported by Bill Fowler to John Coffee)

NOTRE DAME SCHOOL

149 B 23 Sd Bus Fare

= NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG =

I was expecting a couple more tokens to arrive by now, but they haven't so we list what we have. The City of Pacific Grove, which is right next to Monterey, started up its own little mini bus line in 1974 and named it after the butterfly the city is famous for. This mini bus serves areas where the bus line from Monterey does not go. Transfers are accepted from Monterey Bus and also if you would want to transfer to the Monterey bus you have to pay the fare, which is the same as in Monterey, and then you can transfer to the Monterey bus. Monterey-Carmel fare is 35¢, and Pacific Grove a dime.

There are many Notre Dame schools in this country. Mr. Fowler was told this token was probably from Kerrville, Texas, but the school there says they know nothing about the token.

Mr. Coffee will publish one more issue of The Fare Box before leaving Boston for the West Coast, which means I must have another Supplement in two weeks. We do hope to receive some more tokens by then, but if not they will just have to wait till the August or September issue. The New Issues Service tokens for August usually consist of the A.V.A. convention token...and again let me remind you, if you plan to attend the convention and get your token there, and don't want another from Nick, be sure to write and let him know in advance.

From the Meyer & Wenthe records we have learned of the existence of a number of tokens that were made, but which no collector has ever heard of. We know the exact description, but we aren't going to list such tokens until we actually see one of them. Then we also know of the existence of several tokens which have been made, but which have not yet been put into use--for example, two different ones from Philadelphia--but again we aren't going to list these until they are put into use or otherwise made available. For one reason, past experience indicates that if we did list these tokens a bunch of collectors would so pester the company for them that they'd be soured on the hobby and we'd end up never getting a supply!

The Franklin Mint has struck several varieties of transportation tokens over the past few years, but it appears that they are going out of the transportation token business. Transit companies whose tokens were made by Franklin Mint, and who wish to reorder more tokens of the same design, have as a result been forced to use other mints. This has resulted in some tokens which come with two different mintmarks, as well as entirely different die work, although the general design and wording are the same. But the difference is clearly evident to anyone who sees the two tokens side by side. One example of this is Pa 263 A, and Mr. Coffee hopes to be able to run photos of the two types in this issue or the next one.

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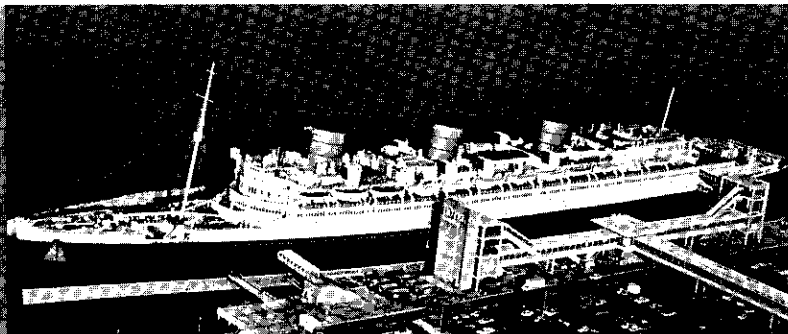
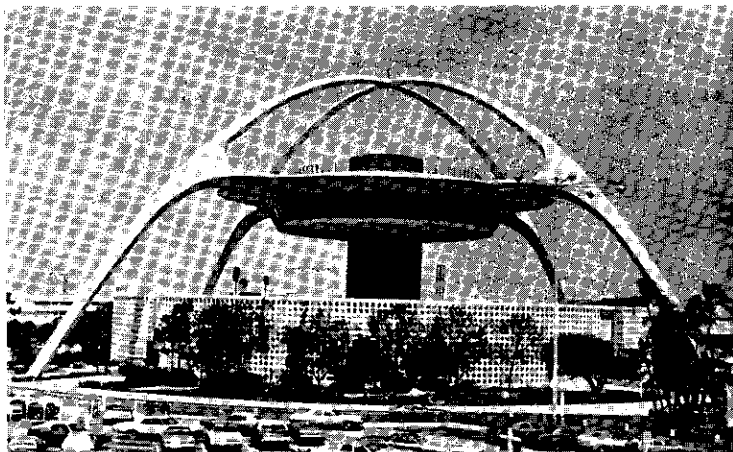
= GATHERING OF BATS ON JULY 6 =

The annual get-together of the Bay Area Token Society at Duane Feisel's beautiful home is scheduled this year for Sunday, July 6, from Noon to 5 pm. There will be the usual sumptuous buffet lunch and all token collectors are welcome. John Coffee will be there with Atkins tokens to sell. Address: 869 Gardenia Way, Los Altos, Calif. Feisel's phone number is 941-2690. If you plan to come, please notify Duane now.



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= SUPPLEMENT #7 TO FEISEL'S CATALOGUE OF PARKING TOKENS =  
by Duane H. Feisel

GEORGIA

Americus 3035 A (Reported by DHF)  
AMERICUS PARKING, INC. AMERICUS, GA. (GATE)  
A o Bz 25 Sd Parcoa Token (gate) (rev. C) [ca. 8/63-?] \$0.25

ILLINOIS

Argo 3018 (Reported by DHF)  
ARGO-SUMMIT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SHOP & SAVE  
A o B 22 Sd Good Only In Parking Meters [8/72-11/73] .15  
Belleville 3042 (Reported by DHF)  
BELLEVILLE MEDICAL BUILDING BELLEVILLE, ILL.  
C B 23 Sd Token [6/72- ] .25\*  
Bloomington 3070 (Reported by DHF)  
CITY OF BLOOMINGTON ILLINOIS  
B B 22 Sd For Use In Parking Meters Only Good For  
One Hour Parking [12/1/74- ] .15

INDIANA

Anderson 3020 (Reported by DHF)  
COURTESY DOWNTOWN RETAIL ASSN.  
A B 22 Sd Good Only For Parking Lot Meters [5/73- ] .15  
East Chicago 3230 (Ex-unattributed 3026; location by Ben Odesser)  
ST. CATHARINE HOSPITAL (GATE)  
D Bz 25 Sd Parcoa Token (gate) (rev. G) .25\*

KENTUCKY

Bowling Green 3080 (Reported by DHF)  
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN KY.  
A B 22 Sd Good Only In Parking Meters [7/1/74- ] .15

MICHIGAN

Ishpeming 3515 (Reported by DHF)  
MINERS' FIRST NATIONAL BANK ISHPEMING, MICHIGAN  
A o WM 25 Sd (blank) (11/69-?) 1.00

MINNESOTA

Mankato 3510 (Reported by DHF)  
LANDKAMER (GATE)  
A Bz 25 Sd Parcoa Token (gate) (rev. G) [1/73- ] .25  
Minneapolis 3540 (Reported by DHF from records)  
MINNEAPOLIS PARK BOARD (GATE)  
D o Bz 25 Sd Parcoa Token (gate) (rev. A?) [ca 10/55] \*\*\*

MISSISSIPPI

Booneville 3100 (Reported by DHF)  
CITY OF BOONEVILLE MISSISSIPPI  
A B 22 Sd 5¢ Parking Token [ca. 2/68- ] .15

NORTH CAROLINA

Hickory 3440 (Reported by DHF)

THE NORTHWESTERN BANK HICKORY, N.C.

A o B 25 Sd Parking Token [8/67-?] \$0.25

Oxford 3635 (Reported by DHF)

OXFORD, N.C. PARKING TOKEN 1 HOUR

A B 22 Sd (blank) [circa 9/65- ] .15

OKLAHOMA

Stillwater 3810 (Reported by DHF)

OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT UNION

A o B 22 Sd (blank) [circa 1/71-?] .15

PENNSYLVANIA

Lewisburg 3568 (Reported by DHF)

BOROUGH OF LEWISBURG PENNSYLVANIA

A B 22 Sd Good Only In Designated Meters [4/74- ] .15

Philadelphia 3750 (Reported by Ed Dence)

D [DREXEL UNIVERSITY]

S B 22 Sd (blank) [circa 5/74- ] .25

Union City 3928 (Reported by DHF)

"BORO OF UNION CITY"

A Bz 22 Sd Parking Meter Token [12/1/74- ] .15

TEXAS

Fort Worth 3340 (Ex-unattributed #3009; location by Jerry Adams)

KLEINSCHMIDT'S BAKERY

K o B 22 Sd (same as obverse) 1.00

WYOMING

Sheridan 3750 (Ex-unattributed #3014; location by DHF)

PARKING CHECK FOR MID-CONTINENT PARKING LOT

A o B 25 Sd (same as obverse) [1966-1968] .50

MANUFACTURERS' STOCK PARKING TOKENS

Broup 3067 (Reported by DHF)

PARKING PRODUCTS INC. PPI

D B 23 Sd Courtesy Parking .25

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

PA 3085 A: add (rev. L)

TX 3400 A: add (rev. L)

DENMARK

Aalborg 3005 (Reported by Jørgen Thingvad)

PALADS PARKERING PPPP

A B 22 Sd 1 Times 1 Parkering [11/16/73- ] .15

B Pr 22 Sd 1 " 1 " [11/16/73- ] .15

P-HUSET GRØNTTORVET AALBORG

C B 24 Sd En Times Parkering MEKA (shell emblem) [12/7/72- ] .15

= PARKING TOKEN NOTES BY DUANE H. FEISEL =

The absence of parking token reports the past few months has not been for lack of listings, but actually because there have been too many listings! How about that for a switch? As mentioned elsewhere in this issue of THE FARE BOX, I have been privileged to be provided access to records and files at Meyer & Wenthe. As a result of this, I must have preliminary information on 300 to 400 unlisted parking tokens! Now all I have to do is to record all this information and write to each of the users. This is a task which will take many months, and the results of which will be reported here. Needless to say, the months--perhaps years--ahead will be very active ones for our field of collecting.

One of the tasks I have undertaken is that of Parking Token New Issues Service and, unfortunately, that Service has suffered somewhat in that the batches of tokens sent out have to come at longer intervals even though the batches will be larger. The handling of PTNIS (and I am sure TTNIS) is almost a full-time spare-time job, and sometimes that work has to be put aside in favor of things considered more important. Anyhow, I will continue to note those issues obtained for PTNIS subscribers, and they can rest assured that they will receive eventually the tokens.

The tokens from Georgia were first used some years ago, but no information is available on how the tokens were used, or when they became obsolete. I was able to get the token by writing; the zip code is 31709. Whenever you write for a token from the user, send along 25¢ (unless otherwise noted) and a stamped self-addressed envelope (SAE).

It is presumed that the Argo-Summit parking token was used for a merchants' parking validation plan, but there is no specific information on this. A supply has been ordered for PTNIS members.

The first Belleville Medical Building token I obtained came from a source in St. Louis. My inquiries to Belleville about the tokens have twice resulted in the stock token, MSPT 3069 B. The only thing I can assume is that the original batch of tokens (2000 in 7/72) disappeared and the stock token is the only thing in current use. Because of the apparent difficulty in obtaining this token, I have accorded it an asterisk; perhaps someone will be able to get enough to go around, however. The tokens are given to visitors to the Medical Building, and provide free exit from the gate-controlled lot. Those who use the lot and go elsewhere have to use four quarters to exit!

Merchants in Bloomington buy tokens from the City and then pass those tokens out to customers at their own discretion. The token provides one hour parking. The tokens are sold @10¢ to merchants, and since the City would not sell a supply for PTNIS, you might be able to get one by writing and sending a dime. The street address is 109 E. Olive, zip 61701.

The Anderson, IN, tokens are also used in a merchants' parking validation plan, and provide 25¢ worth of parking time although the cost to the merchants is @10¢. A supply is on its way for PTNIS.

Some time back Ben Odesser suggested that the St. Catharine Hospital token was from East Chicago, but I was never able to confirm that--my letters were never answered. However, M&W records show that this is the correct location all right.

The usual merchants' parking validation plan is also in effect in Bowling Green, KY. Although the parking value of the token is 10¢, merchants have to pay only 5¢. The City did not want to sell me a supply for PTNIS, but they did send me a few pieces in response to my inquiry. Try sending a dime to the City Treasurer at P.O. Box 130, zip 42101.

The Ishpeming, MI, token is going to be a rough one if the note I received from the bank--"No longer used--destroyed"-- is correct. M&W made 1000 pieces for the Bank back in 10/69.

The Mankato token is used by a funeral home. When a visitor drives into the gate-controlled lot, the gate opens as a ticket is withdrawn from a ticket-spitter. This ticket is exchanged then for a token which permits exit from the lot. Although I was able to get the token by writing, no supply was made available to PTNIS. Thus, you might try writing to Landkamer's Funeral Home, Inc., 118 S. 2nd St., Mankato, MN 56001.

The Minneapolis token is listed only from records at M&W-- I have never seen a sample of this token. For cases such as this, I will use the \*\*\* in place of a price. M&W shipped 1000 of these tokens back in 10/55; from the date, I can guess the reverse die variety. My inquiry to the Park Board came back with the notation that "We never used tokens." This one may never appear to us.

The Mississippi token was obtained as the result of my inquiry, but no comments were sent along. You might have some luck by writing the City--the zip code is 38829.

The bank in Hickory sent me a couple of tokens, but indicated they were no longer used, and that they would not sell me a number for PTNIS. 25¢ and a SAE might produce results. The address of the bank is P.O. Drawer 549, zip 28601.

One token was sent to me from Oxford for the 25¢ I sent along with my inquiry about the tokens. No actual response was made to the inquiry form, so I have no knowledge of how the tokens are used. I do know that M&W shipped 6000 pieces in 9/65.

The Student Union at Oklahoma State sent me a few tokens, but would not make a supply available to PTNIS. The inquiry form had a note "Just happened to find three tokens", so I doubt if you will be able to get this one by writing. The zip is 74074. M&W shipped 1000 pieces in late 12/70.

I am not sure how tokens are used in Lewisburg, PA, but at least a supply of them is on its way for PTNIS members.

The token for Drexel University in Philadelphia is a rather non-descript thing, but it is a parking token. Information received is that the token has a parking value of 50¢, and it is used to enter and exit from a parking garage. I sent \$1 with

my inquiry, but it was returned and no tokens were sent. This one may prove difficult to obtain, but I have a feeling that some of the Philadelphia area collectors should be able to help.

The Union City, PA, tokens are used for a merchants' parking validation plan of the usual type--a token given with a certain minimum purchase amount. No tokens for PTNIS, but send a dime and SAE; address is 13 South Main St., zip 16438.

There is no doubt at all the the Ft. Worth listing is a correct attribution since Jerry was able to obtain a specimen after several visits to the bakery.

Through the M&W records, I found the location for the token listed under Sheridan, WY. The tokens had been used in a gate, but that did not prove very popular in the small community of Sheridan. M&W shipped 1000 pieces in 3/66.

The new MSPT listing was obtained at a gate-controlled operation in San Jose. Actually, there the gate controls entrance to the vendor portion of a large flea market.

Collector friend Jørgen Thingvad supplied a detailed report on the new listings under Denmark--if only all reports could be as detailed and as thorough as he provided! To help understand the inscriptions, first some translations: Parkering=parking, Times=hours, Huset=house, en=one. The A token is in current use; 150,000 pieces were struck! The plastic B token was used for a special promotion and is not now used, but could be used again at any time for another special promotion; 65,000 pieces were made. The C token is given out by merchants in a parking validation plan in conjunction with a parking garage. The token is worth one hour parking which otherwise costs 1 krone (15¢ US). The MEKA initials are those of the manufacturer located in Copenhagen.

Because of the way I am handling the information from M&W, it may not be possible to provide a supplement each month. However, if a month is skipped, then the following month should provide an even larger listing. In the meanwhile, I welcome all listings since some of the M&W struck tokens escaped the records and the files have been discarded, and there are also tokens made by other manufacturers.

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We've just learned, thanks to Kevin Farrell, that Purity-Supreme, the supermarket that issued all those taxi tokens from Boston and other Massachusetts towns, now uses plastic food stamp tokens in denominations of 1¢, 5¢, 10¢, 25¢, 50¢. The one I have is black plastic, 29mm, inscribed "Food stamp credit 1¢ in eligible foods" on obverse and "Purity Supreme" on reverse with "PS" in a heart. I understand a large number of supermarkets use these tokens all over the country, and collecting them will be the newest exonomia craze. We wonder about the cost. Any token of a 1¢ denomination must cost at least as much as its face value to make.

= JUNE SUPPLEMENT TO THE CATALOGUE OF WORLD TRANSPORTATION TOKENS =  
By Kenneth E. Smith

ENGLAND (Reported by R. Monnington)Barrow-in-Furness 50

BARROW IN FURNESS TRAMWAYS (LARGE G.P.O. in script)

A o K	30	Sd	1d	\$3.00
B o K	30	Sd	1½d	3.00

Blackburn 90

BLACKBURN &amp; DARWEN CORPORATION TRAMWAYS 1D

F o B	0v	Sd	Postal Telegraph Messengers (39x26mm)	3.00
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G o Z	32	Sd	Scholars Ticket, Only Available to Children Under 12 Years of Age	3.00
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BLACKBURN &amp; DARWEN CORPORATION TRAMWAYS 2D

H o B	32	Sd	Scholars Ticket Only Available To or From School	3.00
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GERMANYBernburg 105 (Reported by K. Smith)

BERNBURGER STRASSENBAHN (STREETCAR)

D o B	20	Sd	Beamten-Marke	1.00
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E o B	20	Ch	"	1.00
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Brandenburg 140 (Reported by K. Smith)

STADT STRASSENBAHN BRANDENBURG A. HAVEL (LARGE 5)

A o B	18	Sd	Landes. = An Stalt-Wasserwerks = Weg	2.00
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Freiberg 336 (Reported by A. Szego)

FREIBERGER STRASSENBAHN (STREETCAR)

G o Z	19	Pc	Fahrmarke Für Kinder (nickel-plated)	1.00
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Lübeck 495 (Reported by A. Szego)(ex 495 YA)

LÜBECKER STRASSENBAHN

H o Z	0c	Sd	Gültig Nur Für Beamte (shield)(21mm)	1.00
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Thorn 860 (Reported by G. Fritz)

THORNER STRASSENBAHN (STREETCAR)

C o B	20	Sd	Miltärmarke	1.00
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Unknown (Reported by D. Capper and Mrs. P. Langridge)

PIER DE BLANKENBERGHE

o WM Sd (blank)

PAUL SILS SCHÜLERMARKE

o B Pc Karussell Besitzer Gültig Für Eine Fahrt

Ship Money 909 (Reported by G. Fritz)

KANTINE SCHLACHTSCHIFF "GNEISENAU"

K o A	20	Sd	5	.50
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L o A	22	Sd	10	.50
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M o A	0c	Sd	50 (22mm)	.50
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N o A	28	Sd	200	.50
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O o A	32	Sd	500	.50
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KANTINE PANZERSCHIFF "ADMIRAL SCHEER"

P o A	18	Sd	5	.50
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Q o A	0c	Sd	100 (24mm)	.50
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KANTINE "KREUZER EMDEN"

R o B	19	Sd	10	.50
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GREECE (as requested by Yosef Sa'ar, change 80 A to the following)

Karlovasi 450 (a port city on the island of Samos)

(GREEK LETTERS WHOSE TRANSLATION IS "TRAMWAY OF KARLOVASI /  
O.K. CHATZIDAKI. / ZESIMOS" (HORSECAR)

A o WM 18 Sd 10 (in wreath)

\$5.00

(Used when Samos was part of the Ottoman Turkish Empire before World War I.)

*I acquired the above token in 1950 from a well-known Swiss coin firm, and the envelope in which the token came was marked "Karlsovasi, Hungary / Athens, Greece" I could not find a Karlsovasi on maps of Hungary or mainland Greece, so we tentatively listed the token from Athens, Greece. I didn't check maps of Greek islands as that seemed too far fetched. Ten years ago Yosef Sa'ar acquired a second token of this horsecar line. The problem now is to find somebody who has the 20 and 40 para tokens so I can get rubbings or photos and list them.*

HUNGARY

Budapest 100 (Reported by Yosef Sa'ar)

BUDAPESTI LANCHID 1881

QUo Z 27 Sd (blank)

5.00

INDIA

Calcutta 80 (Reported by F. Kelley)

CALCUTTA AND SOUTH EASTERN RAILWAY

A o Z 19 Sd Two III 1

2.00

(Probably good for two third-class fares.)

ISRAEL (as requested by Yosef Sa'ar, change 750 A to the following)

Rehovot 600

(HEBREW LETTERS WHOSE TRANSLATION IS "DAROM YEHUDA")(LEAF  
AND STEERING WHEEL)

A o A 24 Sd (in Hebrew: 2 Prutot 5710)

2.00

*5710 is the Hebrew year equivalent to 1949-50. These tokens were used from Rehovot to Tel-Aviv. Several people called my attention to the fact that I accidentally pictured the token upside-down in the catalogue--a result of the fact I don't know the Hebrew language!*

TURKEY

Istanbul 400 (Reported by G. Fritz)

I.E.T.T. TUNEL JETON U

S B 19 Sd (picture of a mosque)

.25

*Your cataloguer reads the western and northern European languages, but has to depend on others in the A.V.A., and outside the A.V.A., for what we hope are accurate translations of the various Asian, African, Greek, Hebrew, and Islamic languages, when these appear on tokens. Steve Album has come to our rescue with excellent translations of Islamic legends on tokens. Some years back he even used a typewriter with Islamic letters to prepare a listing of Iranian transportation tokens!*

*Remember, please, when you report new discoveries, in addition to giving the exact wording, spelling, and punctuation, to send rubbings or photographs. This is essential to insure accurate listings. Please continue to send in listings.*



I HAVE 5 diff. recent Nevada trade tokens and will trade each for 10 diff. TT's or world coins. Multiples OK. = Dan Rusnak - Box 327 - Sparks, NV 89431  
 FOR TRADE: Have date nails from many diff. U.S. railroads that I will trade for the many common U.S. transp. tokens that I still need. Will also trade for some duplicates. Write listing what railroads you are interested in.

John M. Hoffmann - 200 Doucet Rd. #103 - Lafayette, LA 70501

CENSUS TOKENS FOR SALE/TRADE: Ala 800 A; Minn 230 D, 970 A; Tex 320 A, 555 A. For complete list send SAE. I want to buy or trade for Illinois Civil War tokens, hard times tokens or sutlers. I also have mfg's samples for sale. Sample salmpe: \$1.

Rich Hartzog - P.O. Box 4143KY - Rockford, IL 61110

FOR SALE: unlisted Atlantic City Expressway non-revenue tokens. 2 diff., \$1.90, pp.  
 WANTED: food stamp and brewery tokens, will buy or trade for those I need.

Al Zaika - P.O. Box 65 - Bellmawr, NJ 08030

I WILL SEND A NY 628 C to the first 2 collectors who send me a \$10 check +SAE in which to send token or return check if too late. Also have 450 diff. TT's for \$115 postpaid & insured to a U.S. address.

Paul Targonsky - 23 Harrison St. - Meriden, CT 06450

TO HIGHEST BIDDER: Wis 220 E, 500 B, 510 M.

Thomas Matola - 452 A North 41st St. - Milwaukee, WI 53208

1 roll (50 tokens) of Md 60 T in original Roland Park wrapper. Make an offer, if it suits, it's yours. = G.L. Goeller Jr. - 2417 Harwood Rd. - Baltimore, MD 21234

WANTED: 25-50 common Cal. TT's. Need 2 lots. Don't send; write first & your price.

Sol Halpern - 1032 N. Screenland Dr. - Burbank, CA 91505

SEND 20¢ (stamps only) for my personal tokens 1076 A B C D E F. I will furnish envelopes. = E.L. Tomberlin - P.O. Box 2295 - San Leandro, CA 94577

SCARCE & RARE TT's FOR SALE: Ark 15 B, \$50; Iowa 240 A, \$75; Kan 120 A, \$100; Nebr 540 J, \$115; Ohio 165 J, \$100; Ohio 860 B, \$15; Tenn 430 A (not holed!), \$20; Tenn 430 F, \$100; Va 535 E, \$100; Va 730 A, \$50; Wis 790 A, \$14; Unid. #53, \$15; Misc 32A, \$25; Ontario 950 B & C, \$50 each. (phone 301-743-3690 after 7 pm)

David E. Schenkman - P.O. Box 274 - Indian Head, MD 20640

FOR SALE: RI 3880 A; Mass 3970 B, 50¢ each; Conn 560 H 35¢; Mass 550 I (worn) 25¢, 550 O 30¢, 550 Q 50¢; Pa 495 J \$1.25; Tenn 400 G 45¢, plus stamp please. FOR HIGHEST

BID: Tenn 250 A. = H.J. Turgeon - 143 Harrison Ave. - Warwick, RI 02886

SELL OHIO 830 D E F, MSPT 3060 A; SC 3100 B C, 3700 A; CO 3760 B; TN 160 A; WV 140 A B; Pa 263 A, 830 C; MI 680 Q; FL 130 D; NY 230 H, 15¢ each or 7 for \$1; WV 590 A B, PR 640 D, 25¢ each or 3 for 50¢. All +SAE.

Joe Studebaker - 2614 Legare St. - Beaufort, SC 29902

ANYONE WANTING MY LIST of better TT's for sale can get it for SAE. Will sell outright for cash or will trade for U.S. coins or certain types of exnumia.

S.L. Buckley - 23 18th Street - Newport, KY 41071

TRADE ONLY: Mich 680 A, Tex 890 A. Best offer in Missouri, saloon & brewery tokens.

Littlefield - 4841 Hannover - St. Louis, MO 63123

TRANSP. TOKENS, 100 diff., cat. up to \$2.50 each. Only \$14.95 prepaid. Free Lists plus personal token worth 50¢ on any order.=Williges - Box 445 - Wheatland, CA 95692

ILLINOIS PARKING TOKENS FOR SALE: (50¢ each): 3150 H,K,Y,AK,AM,AP,AZ,BL,CH, 3155 B, 3205 A, 3385 E, 3555 A, 3920 A. (\$1 each:) 3150 M AN BE BT BX CK; Harvey YMCA unlisted. = Ben Odesser - 6332 N. Richmond St. - Chicago, IL 60659

COLORADO WANTED: 20 AB, 140 A C F I, 260 C E G O, 280 A, 300 A E, 340 A C D, 380 A, 440 A B C D E G, 460 A B D, 540 A B C D.

R. Seger - 6054 So. Marshall Drive - Littleton, CO 80123

FOR SALE: back issues of The Fare Box, 1970,1971,1972,1973,1974 - \$2.40 per year + postage (A-1 condition) = R.W. Winant - 500 W. Summit Ave. - Wilmington, DE 19804

SEND ME ANY POOLROOM TOKEN and select any one of the following in return: Ga 60 U; Wa 80 A, 880 M; also Columbian Expo 1893 and Century of Progress rolled cents available, 1 each, for nice TT's or scarce poolroom tokens.

Dee D. Drell - 2123 Marye St. - Alexandria, LA 71301

FOR SALE: Conn 3210 E for \$2. This parking token from Mechanics Savings Bank of Hartford has been obsolete for 5 years. The bank moved and no longer has its own private parking lot. = M.H. Dawson - 182 Whiting Lane - West Hartford, CT 06119  
 My brand new unlisted personal token available for swap with yours.

B.R. Rogers - 3651 Sewells Point Road - Norfolk, VA 23513

FOR SALE: Tenn 75 K, 690 H, for \$1 each +SAE. Have 5 of each. FOR AUCTION: Tex 60 A, 225 A. = Hank Reidling - 8847 Liptonshire - Dallas, TX 75238

TRADE: Fla 105 A (cat. 35¢) for Fla 110 A & B (cat. 15¢ each). Same deal for 290 A \* B, or for 520 A & B, or for 840 A & B, or for 860 B & C. (all cat. 15¢ each)

Allen Corson - Box 38-261 - Miami, FL 33138

I'LL TRADE A 25¢ U.S. TT (my choice) for any one of the following 15¢ TT's: CA 835 I, 845 E; CO 260 M; FL 880 E F; IA 997 B; KY 510 BD BG BI BJ; MN 110 B, 680 D; MO 997 H I; NE 306 A B; NC 560 A; OK 770 B; OR 700 J K; PA 146 A B C.

Pedro C. Rosario - 220 St. J.A. 18 Country Club - Rio Piedras, PR 00924

EXHIBITORS WANTED: For the AVA Convention to be held in August. Share your treasures with those in attendance. Let me know how much space you'll require. Also if you need a case let me know by July 10 so one will be waiting for you. Please write: R.B. Carter - 2232 N. Kays Ave. - So. San Gabriel, CA 91770

FOR SALE: NY 3630 A, \$2; Pa 15 F, \$3; Mass 260 A, \$9, 505 A, \$6. +SAE. Will trade for New York, New Jersey, and New England tokens I want.

Ralph A. Hinde - 225-30 106 Ave., Queens Village - Jamaica, NY 11429

FOR SALE PLUS POSTAGE: Ont 400 C (2 vars.) 25¢ ea, 900 F 45¢; Denmark 5 R 45¢, T 35¢; Cal 575 N 25¢, Q 30¢, 615 C 25¢; CT 210 C 45¢; IL 270 E 35¢, 535 B 35¢; NC 150 A 40¢; NY 980 B 50¢; Pa 70 A 15¢, 875 B 65¢, 940 B 15¢; Wis 700 I 45¢. Also all 1000's listed in April Fare Box ad. = J.G. Nicolosi - 3002 Galindo St. = Oakland, CA 94601

MAIL BID: IL 430 B, 475 A, 785 A; IN 500 A; KS 30 C, 40 D, 940 N; LA 790 A, 810 F; MN 540 A Ca Cb. FOR TRADE: 1 each, DC 997 A & B for DC 998 A & B. All tokens in mail bid plus post & ins. = G.H. Wyatt - 32 Skylark Lane - Lunenburg, MA 01462

SUB VARS. OF TT's WANTED: I NEED Ark 885 Da; Ill 455 I(A), 600 F(B); Ind 590 A(A,C); Ia 150 G(A), 850 Qa; Mich 650 A(C); Pa 195 Ga, 950 G(A); Tenn 600 K(G); Tex 760 F(B). Can supply some of the unlisted TT's in trade that appeared in my ad in March issue plus others up to \$1 cat. = H.V. Ford - 6641 Saroni Drive - Oakland, CA 94611

= ALL AUCTIONS IN THIS ISSUE CLOSE JUNE 20 =

#### APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

- 1542 JAMES WALDON DUNNAM - 921 AVENUE "T" S.E. - WINTER HAVEN, FLORIDA 33880  
Age 48; Entomologist. Collects U.S., Parking. (Corson)
- 1543 JAMES A. GRIFFIS - 535 STARKWEATHER - PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN 48170  
Age 38; Foreman. Collects U.S. (Hoyer)
- 1544 WILLIAM P. MANN - 484 CATESBY LANE - WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA 23185  
Age 34; Production Operator. Collects U.S., Canada, Parking. (McKelvey)
- 1545 PETER C. WEIGLIN - 8665 FORDHAM COURT - CINCINNATI, OHIO 45230  
Age 37; Transit Management Executive. Collects U.S. (W. Crawford)

#### REINSTATEMENTS TO MEMBERSHIP

- 1111 Hal Dunn - Box 114 - Carson City, Nevada 89701
- 740 James Millard - 3969 S.E. 170th Street - Portland, Oregon 97236
- 816 Bill S. Riley - Route 2, Box 348 - Texarkana, Texas 75501
- 1293 Lewis M. Sutton - 2417 Lafayette Blvd. - Norfolk, Virginia 23509

#### CHANGE OF ADDRESS (\* indicates contribution to Address Plate Fund)

- \* Joel Lubenau - 4863 Chevy Chase Blvd. - Chevy Chase, Maryland 20015
- Jeffrey D. Robbins - 11751 Addison Street - North Hollywood, California 91607

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# THE FARE BOX

A Monthly News-Letter for

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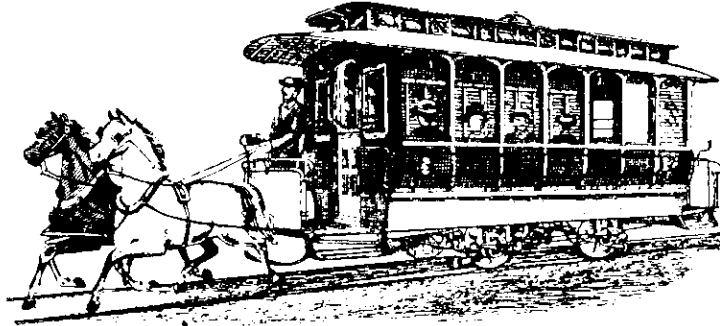
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June 16. My remarks in the last issue about a new catalogue of Vecturist Personal Tokens elicited a gratifying response. I received well over a dozen generous offers to do the typing! Of course I was delighted. The first to communicate was Paul Cunningham, who telephoned to Boston from Michigan, and not only volunteered to type the whole thing, but also offered to print them up and mail one to every member! So in the next few weeks every one of you will receive a new printed listing of personal tokens, complete through the latest supplement, and much improved over the previous list. Our thanks to Paul, and also to those others of you who also came forward. This is what our AVA is all about.

The 1975 membership roster has been mailed to every member and you should have yours by now. These are the work of Bob and Anna Butler, who have been in charge of our rosters for many years. The work is splendid and highly professional. Our gratitude to the Butlers for all the labor that goes into these rosters, and also for their many other efforts on behalf of the A.V.A.

Recently a number of ads have appeared in COIN WORLD offering for sale various Honolulu tokens, especially Haw 240 E, the Hula Girl token. The most recent ad offered these for \$3.95 each. This token can't be very scarce. The Meyer & Wenthe records indicate that 100,000 of them were ordered January 15, 1951, and a further order for 300,000 more was placed December 7 of the same year. 400,000 were struck. If they were never used, we wonder why the second order.

On May 27, 1975, the Long Island RR celebrated the sale of the millionth New York City subway token sold at its station. A woman named Mary Ryan was the surprised purchaser as she dashed to catch the 8:50 to Manhattan. Her reward was a gold-dipped New York subway token (NY 630 AS) which had been made into a necklace. Too bad it wasn't Ralph Hinde or one of our own dashing commuters down there.

The Editor leaves Boston June 27 via Amtrak, and I shall visit David Schenkman near Washington DC; Joel Reznick in Chicago; Syd Joseph and the other members in Denver; and then spend a couple weeks with Hal Ford in Oakland. I arrive in Tacoma on July 17 after what I hope will have been a delightful and exciting trip via Amtrak. Next issue I'll tell you about it. Meanwhile don't forget the L.A. Convention on August 15-17. More important details on the next page. See you soon.



= C.A.T.C. PLANNING SESSION =

Twelve members of the California Association of Token Collectors gathered again on Sunday, May 18, at the home of club president Robert Ritterband in Los Angeles. Various out-of-town travels reduced the count below the customary twenty or so attendees. On Hand were Steve Alpert, John Barnes, Virginia Barnes, Robert Carter, Robert Kubach, Edrick Miller, Phillip Pearson, Robert Ritterband, Ken & Kirk Smith, Paul Thompson and George Ticknor. Family guests present included Pat Miller, Molly Ritterband, Bertha Rogers and Eleanor Smith.

In addition to the usual intensive token swaps, plenty of time was given to planning for the 25th annual convention of the A.V.A. here in Los Angeles in August. It was reported that advance registrations are now coming in nicely, as well as requests for a limited number of budget-priced bourse tables. All present shared their views on production of a new souvenir bus token, to be used for a charter ride to visit the Queen Mary during the convention. Exhibit chairman Robert Carter urged everyone present to prepare a nice display, and he told of an attractive keepsake to be awarded to each exhibitor.

The next meeting, and the last before the convention, will be on Sunday, July 20, at the home of Elaine Willahan.

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= ROOM RESERVATIONS FOR THE A.V.A. CONVENTION =

In years past we have sent a hotel reservation card along with the June or July issue of THE FARE BOX for those members planning to attend the annual convention. This year we cannot do this, however, because our convention hotel doesn't use them. Therefore, members planning to attend the convention should write directly to the convention hotel and make their own reservations. *And the sooner the better.*

The convention hotel is the Ramada Inn/Airport, and its address is 9620 Airport Blvd. - Los Angeles, CA 90009. There's another Ramada Inn nearby so be sure to use the correct address so you won't end up somewhere else! Room rates are \$20 for a single, and \$24 for a double. *However, if you mention that you are coming for the A.V.A. Convention, there will be a \$2 discount. So be sure to mention this.* You may write the Ramada Inn directly, or you can call the toll free number, 800-228-2828 and make a reservation by phone, which obviously is much easier and saves a 10¢ stamp. The convention will be Friday thru Sunday, August 15-17, so most members will want to arrive Thursday night, and leave Monday. But that's up to you.

If you arrive at the airport, call the Ramada at 670-1600 and they will send the hotel hack to pick you up at no charge. The Ramada Inn is about a mile from the airport. If you come by Amtrak, it's another story, and maybe Bob Ritterband in the August issue will furnish directions on how to get from the downtown S.P. depot out to the airport.

Incidentally this hotel is only a block from the Marriott, where the huge A.N.A. Convention will be held a couple days after ours. Wise people planning to go to the ANA will stay at the Ramada, because room rates at the Marriott are \$35 single and \$45 double, and up. Mostly, we hear, up.

Persons who do not wish to register for the convention, but who nevertheless wish to enter our meeting room will be charged \$1.75 for the privilege, and for this they will receive the name badge, period.

Bourse tables are still available for only a \$15 charge, and this guarantees you a table for the duration of the convention (cf \$350 charge at ANA if you can get it). Write Bob Ritterband for details.

Of course extra tickets for the tour or the banquet will be available for wives and children. Banquet \$7 adults, \$4 kids. Tour alone \$8.50 including a token.

Every registrant will receive a beautiful 3" souvenir mirror, and extras will be available for only \$1.50, and in years to come these will be valuable items of AVA memorabilia, which is becoming a hobby in itself as we advance in age. Several wood personal tokens will be distributed to all registrants, as well.

All in all, this promises to be a fabulous convention, and probably the largest ever held. We expect to see you there!

THE MERRILL ELECTRIC RAILWAY & LIGHTING CO.

by Gerald Johnson

Through the happy years of researching the transit histories of midwest America, one thing has become increasingly apparent, the fact that smalltown streetcar lines rarely made money for their owners and operators! As an illustration, among the dozen small town lines that ran in the State of Wisconsin, only one or two could be considered successful, and that was only because overall they broke even financially! It would seem that these shakey little transit lines, with their second hand rolling stock and makeshift electric systems could never had really hoped to do more than satisfy a need. Oh yes, there was money to be made in public transportation all right, but only where larger population masses were to be transported. Yet, the strange story of smalltown rail transit was repeated over and over again as the "cities" of 5,000 souls embarked upon ambitious streetcar lines. In his excellent book "Enthusiasm Makes the Difference" author Norman Vincent Peale defines precisely the enthusiasm that maintained the determination of the smalltown transit pioneers. Enthusiasm that was called "Civic Pride", "Local Interest" or "Community Spirit." Many smalltown streetcar line pioneers were wealthy men, self-made giants of lumbering, land speculation or mining, but generally with little formal education. Was this then the key to their enthusiasm and confidence?

The story of the M.E.R.&L. Co. of Merrill, Wisconsin is a story of these men; a classic tale of civic involvement and boundless enthusiasm. The Merrill Electric Railway and Lighting Company was organized by businessmen, J.N. Cotter and Harry Turner, who with about a dozen influential citizens from Central Wisconsin provided the funds for the venture. E.S. King, a local druggist, was elected president, and Hollis M. Kellog was appointed Superintendent. Construction of the 2.7 mile long railway was begun in 1889, and in the spring of 1890, the line was placed in operation. The only other electrified line in Wisconsin at this time was in Appleton, and the only other electric line in the entire United States was that of Boston, Massachusetts.

Four second-hand cars from Boston's street railway made up the new line's rolling stock, and railroad "L" type rails set on regular railroad ties were used as a bed. After the horses of several citizens were electrocuted by this single wire system, the innovative King and Kellog devised that nation's first double trolley system which later was to become famous worldwide by its use in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The early "Boston" streetcars were very crude, with the motorman's platform exposed to the elements without even a windshield. Although no photos of these cars in use at Merrill exist, it is possible that they were converted horsecars from the Boston operation.

The electric motors of these cars were protected from the elements by strips of canvas, and a metal splash pan held in place by baling wire. Service interruptions were common due to burned out motors, and as many as four or five armatures per week were rewound in the busy Merrill car barns.

Conductors on the little line were given the option of running cars after 11:00 P.M. and also collecting additional fares over and above the 5¢ regular fare for the after hour service. It was customary to charge 10¢ for a ride after the official "last run" of the day. Passengers riding before 7:00 A.M. were considered to be going to work, and were given a token for the return ride home (Wis. 500-A).

During the winter, plow equipped streetcars were run all night during snow storms, in this way keeping the streets open and avoiding the shoveling brigades needed to keep the right of way cleared.

The original 2.7 mile run, with its two switches was never expanded, but in 1913 the 6th ward of Merrill became the first place in the world to put a "trackless trolley" in use. The primary reason for not extending regular railed service to the 6th ward of Merrill was a large wooden bridge which was neither strong enough or wide enough to bear the heavy regular run streetcars. The regular run cars by this time were second hand replacement streetcars procured from the T.M.E.R.&L. of Milwaukee to replace the antiquated "Boston" cars. The idea for the Merrill "trackless trolley" was the result of a trip to Chicago by Company President, E.S. King who was intrigued by the battery-driven busses used by Carson, Pirie & Scott Company between their stores and the Chicago Depots. Mr. King persuaded Edison scientist S.D. Field to create a similar bus operated by a 500-volt motor for the M.E.R.&L. Power lines were eagerly strung throughout the Sixth Ward and all was in readiness when the 18-passenger vehicle arrived. The bus, which weighed three tons, had long flat springs and hard rubber tires and was operated by a single driver on a pay-as-you enter system. However, the trackless trolley was doomed to failure. Within six months the heavy cobblestone streets of Merrill had taken their toll on both the bus and its passengers, and the innovative experiment was abandoned and sold to the Boston Railway Company to be placed in service in that city.

Soon after the noble experiment, in 1915, the Wausau Street Railway Company absorbed the Merrill Electric Railway & Lighting Company and at once began the conversion of the power source from direct to alternating current. In 1916, the name "Wisconsin Valley Electric Company" was given the consolidation, and in 1917 a 60-foot right-of-way from Wausau to Merrill was procured for the purpose of building an inter-urban line to serve the two cities. The grandiose plans of the Wisconsin Valley Electric Company never did materialize. In 1919 when the 30-year charter of the Merrill Electric Railway & Lighting Company expired, streetcar service ended and bus service quickly replaced the retired streetcars. During the entire life span of the Merrill streetcar line, a period of 29 years, no profit was realized by its owners.

The innovations in electric transit developed in tiny Merrill, Wisconsin were incredible for their time! The city's hydro electric power, in the infancy of the development of this energy source, contributed to the nation's first double trolley streetcar line, and the world's first "trackless trolley". Not bad for a metropolis of 5,000!

In 1924 much of the M.E.R.&L. street rail was taken up to build a nearby narrow gauge industrial railway, and the remainder was removed in 1940, bringing to a close the pioneer street railway history of innovative, enthusiastic Merrill, Wisconsin.

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### JULY NEW ISSUES SERVICE REPORT

By John G. Nicolosi

Last month I observed that we had a let-down and slim pickin's. This month it's No Pickin's! Nothing to send you at the moment. We have a lot of tokens pending, but as of this writing none of them have arrived. So nothing listed in Ralph's Supplement this month will be able to be sent to N.I.S. members. If some do come in, as hoped and expected, I'll send them this month (July) and they'll be listed in the August issue.

I am planning to attend the Los Angeles Convention in August and will be driving down with Ralph Freiberg and John Coffee, and hope to see a lot of members in L.A.

A few days ago I received the 1975 AVA membership roster, and again I must commend Bob & Anna Butler for a superb job.

Again a reminder: if you do not want me to send you the AVA Convention Tour token, be sure to write and let me know.

From July 1974 thru June 1975 we sent out 82 tokens, of which 70 were U.S., 2 Canada, and 10 overseas. This is exactly the same as the previous year.

Welcome to George Hurst this month, moving from Associate to Regular status.

## A.V.A. CONVENTION ( 1975) FLOOR AND MAIL BID AUCTION

This is the second part of the A.V.A. convention auction. All items have reserves and no bids will be accepted at less than reserve. The successful mail bid on any item will be at 5 cents over the second highest floor or mail bid or in the case of tie bids, the lot will be awarded to the bidder with the earliest postmark on his letter. Bids on this part of the auction must be received by me one week before the start of the A.V.A. convention ( by August 8th). Please submit your bids on 8 1/2 by 11 inch sheets with the left 3/4 inch blank and your name and address at top of sheets , so they can be put in a binder for inspection and convention records. Kirk will tabulate the bids during that week for the floor auction. Kirk and I will act for the mail bidders during the floor auction. We will bid 5 cents above the floor bids stopping when the floor bidding ceases or the floor bid exceeds the highest mail bid. If attending the convention, please immediately after the auction pick up from Kirk the bid lots you were successful in acquiring and pay with CASH ( preferably) or by check. Cash enables the submitters attending the convention to be paid immediately. No credit cards are acceptable for payment as the club cannot process them. Those successful bidders not attending the convention will be notified very soon after the convention as to what they were successful in acquiring in both auctions. Upon receipt of the money for the lots plus required insurance and postage the lots were successful by you in acquiring , will be sent to you insured. All lots will be sent insured. Please bid both by lot number and catalogue number , so that if you make a mistake, you will not get the wrong lot. Mail the bid sheets to

KENNETH SMITH			328 Avenue F Redondo Beach, Calif. 90277		
LOT	ITEM	RESERVE	LOT	ITEM	RESERVE
Alabama			California		
305	560I	5.00	331	775H	1.00
306	560M	10.00	332	815C	.50
307	560P	15.00	333	815E	1.00
308	560S	15.00	334	945I	2.00
Alaska			Colorado		
309	300H	.50	335	140C	3.00
Arkansas			336	260C	1.00
310	105C	1.00	337	260N	2.50
311	285A	2.50	338	260Q	4.00
312	285B	2.00	339	280A	26.00
313	360A	25.00	340	340A	1.00
314	360C	25.00	341	440D	1.00
315	435F	20.00	342	440F	1.00
California			343	460A	1.00
316	100A	1.50	344	540D	2.50
317	205A	1.00	345	600A	.50
318	395C	2.00	346	600A	2.75
319	395D	2.00	347	620A	1.50
320	395E	2.50	348	860C	4.00
321	435B	1.00	349	860D	5.00
322	435B	1.00	350	860E	20.00
323	535A	7.50	Connecticut		
324	535B	7.50	351	290G	1.00
325	535C	7.50	352	345A	3.50
326	535D	7.50	353	525A	6.00
327	545B	1.00	Florida		
328	575F	1.00	354	130A	21.00
329	575G	.50	Georgia		
330	745L	3.50	355	50B	1.10
			Hawaii		
			356	240B	2.25
			357	330B	2.00
			Idaho		
			358	100M	1.50
			359	100o	1.25
			360	440B	1.60
			361	440D	1.50
			362	440J	1.80
			Illinois		
			363	10C	1.10
			364	100A	7.50
			365	130B	2.50
			366	130D	1.00
			367	130D	.50
			368	150AE	.50
			369	150AF	.50
			370	210D	1.60
			371	370C	.75
			372	430A	2.50
			373	455E	1.05
			374	495G	.25
			375	505A	.50
			376	505B	.50
			377	530A	1.00
			378	530C	1.50
			379	600D	.75
			380	720E	1.00
			381	760A	.35
			382	770A	1.00

A.V.A. CONVENTION (1975) FLOOR AND MAIL BID AUCTION ( page 2)

LOT	ITEM	RESERVE	LOT	ITEM	RESERVE	LOT	ITEM	RESERVE
Illinois			Kentucky			Minnesota		
383	795B	12.50	433	480E	1.25	482	760C	2.00
384	795D	10.00	434	480J	1.00	483	760H	.50
385	795E	10.00	435	480S	.50	Mississippi		
386	795F	15.00	436	510AB	2.50	484	320D	.50
387	795G	15.00	437	510AH	.50	485	900E	1.00
388	998E	1.00	438	510AK	1.00	Missouri		
389	1000A	.50	439	510AV	5.00	486	370D	1.00
390	1000B	.50	440	510BK	3.25	487	420B	3.50
391	1000C	.50	441	510BN	3.00	488	440B	1.00
Indiana			442	510BO	2.50	489	440Q	.75
392	180A	1.50	443	510BP	2.50	490	440T	.75
393	460H	10.00	444	560E	1.00	491	910R	1.00
394	460o	14.00	445	710B	1.00	492	950A	1.00
395	460X	1.60	Louisiana			493	997A	.50
396	610C	5.00	446	30A	6.00	494	997B	.50
397	660D	1.00	447	30B	2.25	495	997C	.50
398	890A	1.00	448	30D	1.00	496	997D	.50
399	890B	1.00	449	810F	6.25	497	997E	.50
400	890C	1.00	Maine			498	997F	.50
401	930G	1.00	450	40A	1.00	Montana		
402	980B	10.60	451	740A	4.25	499	80C	2.00
403	980D	3.00	Massachusetts			500	480C	1.00
Iowa			452	115K	.50	Nebraska		
404	30A(a)	4.00	453	115Z	.75	501	440G	1.50
405	30D	.50	454	115AA	.75	502	580A	1.00
406	150F	1.00	455	115AC	.50	503	700W	1.00
407	230B	10.00	456	115AC	2.75	504	800A	.50
408	300D	2.20	457	115AD	.50	N.H.		
409	300G	5.00	458	115AD	2.75	505	30A	1.50
410	850K	1.00	459	115AG	2.75	506	640J	1.00
411	850P	2.50	460	210B	1.00	N.J.		
412	910A	1.10	461	505B	15.00	507	115B	1.00
413	930C	3.00	462	550A	.25	508	555B	1.00
414	930D	5.00	463	550D	2.50	N.M.		
Kansas			464	740A	.25	509	430C	3.00
415	40B	2.50	465	960B	.25	510	900A	12.00
416	40C(a)	2.50	Michigan			New York		
417	40C(b)	5.00	466	360A	1.00	511	25B	.75
418	40E	4.00	467	360C	1.00	512	235B	2.00
419	150B	1.00	468	375C	1.00	513	360D	1.00
420	150C	1.25	469	525D	1.25	514	410A	.75
421	450E	1.00	470	525I	1.50	515	615F	1.00
422	600C	3.00	471	525J	1.00	516	628C	1.00
423	800A	.50	472	530 H	1.40	517	629I	1.00
424	820E	1.00	473	539I	2.00	518	629J	1.00
425	980A	.50	474	560J	1.00	519	629K	1.00
426	980B	3.00	475	635B	6.00	520	630U	.50
Kentucky			476	775A	.75	521	630W	1.00
427	10J	1.00	477	845M	1.10	522	630Z	1.00
428	45B	.50	Minnesota			523	630AA	1.00
429	45C	.50	478	30C	1.00	524	630AB	1.00
430	45C	1.25	479	290A	30.00	525	630AC	1.00
431	250B	1.10	480	520A	1.00	526	630AR	3.50
432	250C	3.50	481	540AA	1.00	527	631C	1.00



## A.V.A. CONVENTION (1975) FLOOR AND MAIL BID AUCTION ( page 3)

LOT	ITEM	RESERVE	LOT	ITEM	RESERVE	LOT	ITEM	RESERVE
N.H.			Oregon			Texas		
528	640C	.35	577	880C	1.00	627	565A	.50
529	640H	.35	578	970C	1.00	628	640C	1.00
New York			Penna.			629	750A	1.00
531	631S	1.50	579	15D	5.00	630	760A	1.00
532	695A	2.00	580	15L	1.00	Utah		
533	735A	.35	581	15N	1.00	631	650A	1.00
534	735B	.50	582	195L	1.00	Vermont		
535	785C	1.00	583	265A	1.00	632	60A	1.00
536	785D	1.00	584	320A	3.00	633	595A	.75
No. Carolina			585	445C	2.00	634	595B	.75
537	20A	1.00	586	495G	2.00	Virginia		
538	360D	1.00	587	495H	3.00	635	20C	.50
539	545A	1.00	588	495G,H	5.00	636	600C	.35
540	980E	1.00	589	515B	1.00	637	620A	1.50
N.D.			590	515B	1.00	638	620B	1.50
541	320G	1.50	591	555A	1.00	Washington		
Ohio			592	595B	1.00	639	10A	.50
542	10A	1.50	593	650E	1.00	640	40K	1.00
543	10B	1.00	594	675D	1.00	641	300F	1.00
544	95A	.50	595	750Z	6.00	642	600C	1.00
545	125D	.25	596	750AB	1.00	643	755A	2.00
546	125F	.50	597	770C	1.00	644	960E	1.00
547	165S	1.00	598	930A	1.00	645	970A	1.25
548	165U	1.00	599	950A	1.00	W. Va.		
549	175Z	.75	600	950D	1.00	646	200A	.50
550	230M	.50	601	985C	2.00	647	290H	1.00
551	230R	1.00	602	985E	1.50	648	830F	1.00
552	230U	1.00	S.C.			Wisconsin		
553	230V	1.50	603	240C	.50	649	220A	2.00
554	440A	.35	604	450A	.75	650	220B	1.60
555	475D(43)	1.00	605	450B	.75	651	510M	.50
556	475D(51)	1.00	606	450C	.75	652	920A	1.00
557	505A	.35	607	450E	1.00	Wash. D.C.		
558	520E	1.00	608	500A	1.25	653	500D	.50
559	745B	.75	609	500C	1.00	654	500G	3.50
560	745C	1.00	Tenn.			Canada		
561	745D	.50	610	75F	1.00	N.S.		
562	745E	.50	611	75G	1.00	655	100L	1.10
563	750A	.50	612	75K	1.00	656	200A	7.00
564	915A	.35	613	345B	.50	657 Ontario		
565	915B	.35	614	375A	1.50	657	325A	1.00
566	915C	.35	615	375B	1.50	658	325C	1.50
Okla.			616	375C	1.50	659	825A	1.00
567	330E	1.00	617	375D	1.50	Quebec		
568	590B	1.00	618	400A	.50	660	345D	.75
569	610B	.50	619	415A	1.00	Maryland		
570	640G	1.00	620	415D	1.00	661	60I	1.00
571	860L	1.00	621	430B	1.50	662	60AC	1.00
Oregon			622	600E	.50	Parking		
572	20D	1.00	623	600o	.50	Illinois		
573	20E	1.00	Texas			663	3150AY	1.50
574	160B	1.00	624	5A	1.00	664	3150CJ	25.00
575	160C	1.00	625	145A	1.00	END OF AUCTION		
576	800C	1.00	626	255M	1.60			

JULY SUPPLEMENT TO THE CATALOGUE OF WORLD TRANSPORTATION TOKENS

by Kenneth E. Smith

SCOTLAND

Seaby's published part 4 of their Standard Catalogue of British Coins which is titled COINS and TOKENS OF SCOTLAND compiled by P. Frank Purvey. Frank Purvey sent me a complimentary copy autographed to me. Pages 150, 151, 152, and 153 is a condensed list of Scottish transportation tokens and at the start of this section he references the Catalogue of World Transportation Tokens & Passes except No. America. In this list the plastic tokens are grouped together by obverses and for prices marked from x, where x is the lowest priced item in that group. Six transportation tokens are pictured which are: 300A, 420D, 420G, 420CD and two unlisted cabin checks which I call 580SE and 630SD. I see Frank Purvey from 2. to 3 times a year at conventions, therefore at the next convention I asked him who had these tokens that he pictured. He borrowed from the British Museum their miscellaneous group of Scottish tokens to photograph for the book and these six transportation were selected as the most interesting of the transportation items to be photographed. The following two Cabin checks are still in the British Museum

Kirkcaldy 580

KIRKALDY OR DYSART FERRY CABIN NO.(numbers)(rounded corners)

SE o K Sq Sd ( blank)(stamped ST.G. on obverse)(32mm) 6.00  
Leven 630

LEVEN OR LARGO FERRY STEERAGE NO. ( numbers)

SD o K 32 Sd (blank)( stamped ST.G. on obverse) 6.00

None of his quoted prices are less than my catalogue prices and many are 20% above my catalogue. On the following items because they had sold them at auction or across the counter at these prices or around these prices they are higher as follows. ( I translated the British pound at \$2.40 U S to get the following U S prices)

Dundee 300AA to AT from .60 each, Dunfermline 330B at 1.20, Edinburgh 360AA to AE from 1.20 each, 360AF to AK from .60each, 360AL at 2.40, 360AP, AQ from 1.20 each, 360AW at .60, 360BA at 2.40, 360BB, BC from .60, 360BD at .60 Glasgow 420D at 14.40, 420E at 14.40, 420G at 11.80, 420I at 11.80, 420J at 11.80, 420M at 8.40, 420N at 2.40, 420P at 1.92, 420X, Y at 2.40each, 420AC, AD at 8.40each, Greenock 450A at 9.60, 450B at 12.00, 450C at 1.20, 450AA to AE from .96 each, Helensburgh 510A, B, C, D from 15.60 each, Kilmarnock 570AA, AB, AC from 2.40 each, Rothsay 760A, B, C, D from 11.80 each, 760E at 6.00, 760F at 6.00, Paisley 720A at 2.40 and Wemyss 860AA, AB at 4.80 each, Motherwell 690AC to AH from 3.60 each. Seaby's is not one of my sources of tts as they apparently have some customers of long standing who buy their tts at above my catalogue and I suspect at these prices or near them. As most collectors were aware of, the pricing in the FIRST PRINTED edition ( 1967) was conservative as some quantities were in doubt and in future editions as they are in short supply there will be sharp catalogue rises in tokens from Motherwell, Helensburgh, Greenock, Rothsay, Wemyss, Kilmarnock, some Glasgows , some Edinburghs. Our good friend Don Capper reported the following new scottish issues and sent dupes ,which I am sending on to Nicolosi's new issues for distribution, Edinburgh 360

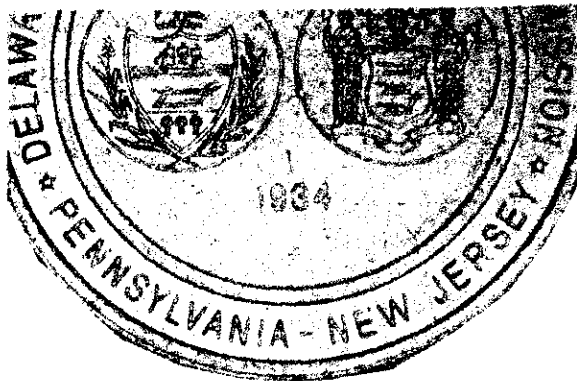
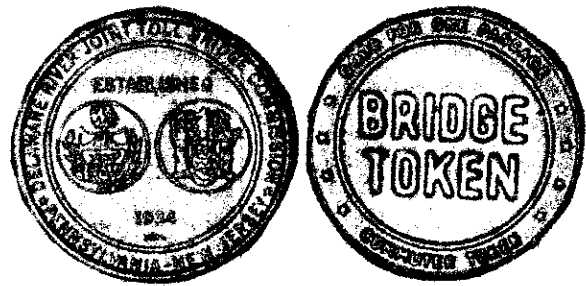
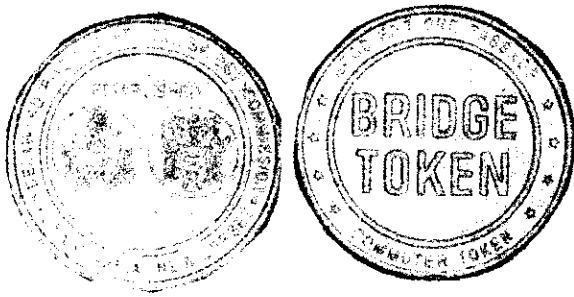
the 360BW are being replaced by 360CF as they wear out.

EDINBURGH CORPORATION TRANSPORT ( Arms)

CF C 23 Sd 2 1/2 P (brown) .25  
CJ C 23 Sd 5 P (lemon) .35

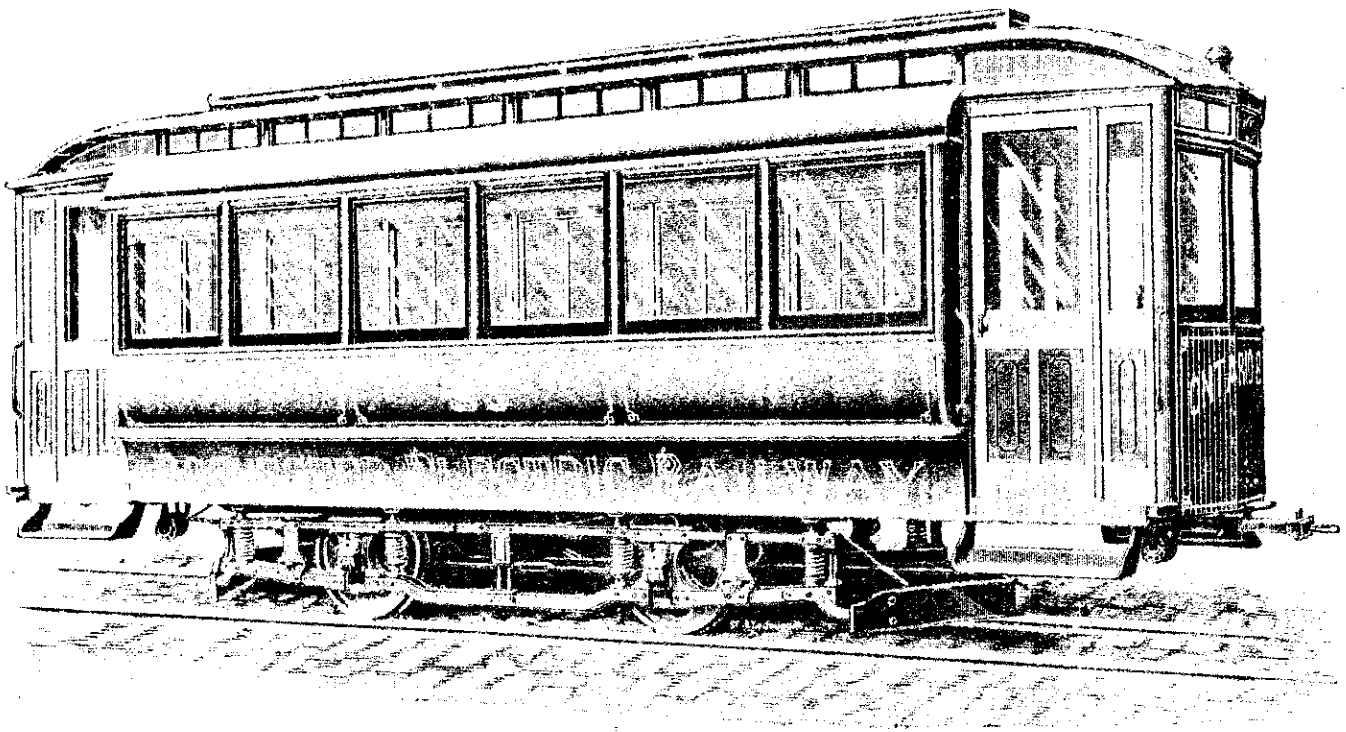
Remember when you report new discoveries , in addition to giving the exact wording, spelling, and punctuation , to send rubbings or photographs. This is essential to insure accurate listings, Please keep the listings coming.

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Pa 263 A as struck originally  
by Franklin Mint.

Pa 263 A as struck by a  
different mint, possibly  
Roger Williams Mint.



A streetcar that used NY 780 C in Rochester, NY. These cars were placed in  
use in November, 1890.

= JULY SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE =  
By Ralph Freiberg

GEORGIA

Milledgeville 630 (M & W)

SIMMONS BUS LINE (BUS)

D B 16 Bl Good For One Fare (bus) (2 slots) (Rev. B) (\* 1971) \$0.25

[Durden Bus Line purchased Pennington Bus Line about 1967, and in turn sold out to Simmons Bus Line about January, 1970.]

MASSACHUSETTS

Lowell 430 (M & W)

CITY OF LOWELL MASS. COUNCIL-ON-AGING TAXI TOKEN

A o B 29 Sd 25¢ Token (\* 1973) .25

NORTH CAROLINA

High Point 450 (M&W)

DUKE POWER COMPANY HIGH POINT

F o WM 23 Bar Good For One Fare High Point \*\*\*\*

[2,000 of these tokens were struck in 1939, but at present we have no evidence that the token was ever actually used.]

UNIDENTIFIED (M & W)

TWIN CITY COACH LINES, INC.

150 WM 24 Sd Good For One Fare [1,000 tokens struck for Perey Turnstiles 1947]

GOOD FOR ONE 15¢ FARE

151 WM 21 Ch (blank)

= NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG =

John Nicolosi and I are still sitting here waiting for some answers to letters we have out on tokens we learned about from the Meyer & Wenthe records. Meanwhile we can at least a few items for the July Supplement. Unfortunately we don't have anything to send out for N.I.S. members, but we do expect a few, possibly as many as 5, to send out in the middle of July. Some of these won't be listed till the August issue, but you'll get them before that.

All tokens listed this month were learned about from the Meyer & Wenthe records. At first we didn't want to make it public knowledge that we were getting these records--until we had completed our work--so we reported tokens by "Meyer White," but that was just a pseudonym for the Meyer & Wenthe records.

First of all, we learned that 1,000 tokens were struck for the Simmons Bus Line in 1971. Our procedure is this: first we write the company to see if the tokens were ever used and, if any are still around, and if so can we buy a supply. In this case we learned that they are being used and they sent a couple, but subsequent letters have gone unanswered. We held up the listing for a while hoping to connect, but after a while we decided to go ahead and list the token and give it up as a bad job. Some years back James Eshleman wrote and told me that Durden Bus Line had bought out Pennington and was continuing to use the same old token; then when Simmons bought out Durden they still used the same old token. But apparently they needed new tokens and ordered a thousand in 1971. Any member who wants to take a chance can write the company directly: 360 Harrisburg Rd., Milledgeville, GA 31061. Maybe if you ask for only one they'll send it to you for 25¢ +SAE. Or maybe you'll just lose your 25¢.

Next a token for Lowell, Mass. In 1973 the City of Lowell ordered 15,000 of these tokens to provide reduced-rate taxi rides for the elderly. But, as is usually the case, the old folks hoarded the tokens and attempted to use several at one time, so the use of tokens was discontinued and tickets with a time limit were substituted. The City sold the whole supply of tokens to someone, possibly as junk metal. Mr. Coffee did find a couple at the office there, and maybe they have one or two more around. But this is another one we won't be able to get a supply of for N.I.S.

Two thousand of the High Point, NC, tokens were ordered in 1939, but we don't know if they were ever used. But one sample of the token has turned up so, having the actual token to look at, we are listing it with \*\*\*\* instead of a price on it. I'd appreciate hearing from any member who can find out if these were ever used. If I'd known about this one 20 years ago I might have acquired a few, as I did visit the company office. Maybe they were stored in a safe. But as is often the case we learn about a token when it's too late to do anything about it. Any token in this category that we do list will get a \*\*\*\* price until we learn more about it.

We also list a couple of Unidentified tokens we learned about from the Meyer & Wenthe records. These records indicate who ordered the tokens and where they were shipped, and this usually tells us the home of the token. But a lot of tokens were ordered by a fare box manufacturer or a turnstile company, such as Perey Turnstiles, who then supplied them to one of their own customers. So in these cases we still do not know the home of the token, and this is the case for the #150, but it must have been an outfit that used Perey Turnstiles somehow in its operation so probably for a larger city.

Back in 1931, some bronze tokens were ordered by the Twin Coach Corp. of Kent, Ohio, for some reason. This is a bus manufacturer, still in business, which makes the Twin Coach buses. John Coffee has owned one of these for years and always assumed it was an advertising piece, and we still believe it was, although the records indicate that Twin Coach Corp. was very precise in stating exactly the size of the token, and this is unusual for a souvenir piece. In any case, the token is described as follows:

TWIN COACH CORP. / TWIN COACH / KENT, OHIO

Bz 25 Sd (bus)

If anyone can shed any light on this token we'd appreciate it. As the token is 34 years old, whether a letter to Twin Coach would elicit any information is doubtful.

I haven't begun to be able to go thru all the records we've obtained from Meyer & Wenthe, but one thing I am studying is cases where the same listed token was made by two different token manufacturers. For instance I have always believed that Cal 760 F of San Francisco was made by two different firms. Our records show that it was made by Meyer & Wenthe. But we also know from the booklet published by NEVA on Scoville Manufacturing Co. that it was also made by Scoville! The two types are quite easy to distinguish. Incidentally this token is still in use in San Francisco and I have several of them on hand, which I intend to let John Coffee use on the trolleys and buses this summer. I can use my Medicare card and 5¢, but John would have to pay the regular 25¢ fare. So if anyone would like to have the two types before they are used up let me know. Price 25¢ each +SAE.

Along this same line I just became aware of the fact that Cal 835 C and D were probably made by two different companies. I don't have enough of them to compare at home so if you all would bring your specimens of these tokens with you when you come to the Convention I would much appreciate it. My Cal 835 H (plated token) was made by Meyer & Wenthe, but my 835 D was not made by Meyer & Wenthe! We listed D in July, 1953, but M&W didn't make their token till 1955. Strange part of it all is that I used lots of these token in the fare boxes back in the 1950's and, of course, didn't realize this possibility (of two manufacturers) at the time. So, to prove my point, I would like very much to examine lots of 835 D's this year.

Al Craig writes that the company which operated that little Pixie Railway at Lincoln City, Ore., has sold out their equipment to a place in Salt Lake City (Lagoon Amusement Park), but the new outfit apparently does not use tokens.

So we hope that some of the tokens we have letters out on, will show up so that we can have a nice batch to send out to N.I.S. members in July. The August "sending" will consist of the AVA Convention token, which will cost \$2.50 +SAE. Details on where non-NIS members may order this token will appear in a later issue of The Fare Box. But meanwhile we have a lot of others pending and promised to us.

I don't like to list tokens, as we did this month, which we were not successful in obtaining, but we can't sit on them forever. Sorry we won't be able to furnish the Milledgeville and the Lowell tokens.

= THE LAMENT OF A NEW COLLECTOR =

By John M. Hoffmann

Being a relatively new member of A.V.A. and having only a small number of tokens in my collection at present, I am writing this article asking for help for us newcomers so that we can have an opportunity to expand our collections via trades. We all know that tokens are a common bond for trading, but how many members know what other hobby or collections fellow members are also interested in without writing many letters? For instance, I am also a date nail collector (both railroad and utility company nails) and would dearly love to trade date nails for transportation tokens I need. However I know of only three other A.V.A. members at present that I can trade some nails with for tokens to help my collection grow. But how many other active (or potential) nail collectors are there that are lurking in the background that I would never hear about except by chance?

In providing a means mainly to assist the new collectors, a special form would be included with a future issue of THE FARE BOX for all members to fill in the other hobbies they are interested in. These forms could then be returned to be incorporated into either the membership booklet (if possible) or in a special section in a future issue of THE FARE BOX.

This way many of those duplicate tokens that are stored and collecting dust in some advanced collector's treasure chest could be put into circulation and traded for other collectibles that he or various other members might want. If this idea has merit I hope it can be pursued. If not, I hope anyone reading this who is interested in trading me tokens for nails will drop me a line and we'll get into high gear.

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= A WORD FROM JOE =

*If you have sent trades to me and not heard, let me know, as things have been slack, and the wife and I have been watching mail, and on 31 May 1975 nothing came in. But around 5 pm a young girl came to the door and brought my Marine Corps retirement check and two letters from AVA members. She found them about a block from our home blowing down the street. So either the post office truck driver was careless or it was taken from the truck. = Joe Studebaker - 2614 Legare St. - Beaufort, SC 29902.*

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= WHEN IS AN AUTO NOT AN AUTO? =

*Ben Odesser has just returned from a ten-day vacation in London, England, and a note from him to the Editor is interesting:*

"One thing I found out of significance to AVA is that auto, in England, means automatic and has nothing to do with transportation. These items are used in slot machines for various reasons. Inasmuch as you mentioned previously that I should let you know of any news I have, I found out that the items on Page 255 of the Smith Catalogue that have the word AUTO on them, are not transportation tokens but slot machine tokens of some kind. Also I found out that the Monarch Auto Co. is located in Monmouth, England. One of the coin dealers at the Portobello Street Market told me that, and that he had purchased a batch of the tokens. Also the token comes in 1d besides the 2d listed."

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Peter Weiglin of Cincinnati, a new member, reports that he recently visited Richmond, Va., and went thru 10,000 Va 720 G's, and found about 40 "foreigns" among them. Among these "foreigns" was an unlisted token from the Midwest, presently in use, which we are checking out for the N.I.S. He also learned that thousands of Portsmouth and other Virginia tokens had been dumped into the harbor at Hampton Roads in the 1950's from the Norfolk Ferry!

FOR SALE: Mich 375 A 40¢; NY 445 E 25¢; Pa 675 B 20¢; RI 700 E 20¢; Tenn 250 A \$5; plus stamp please. = H.J. Turgeon - 143 Harrison St. - Warwick, RI 02888

FOR SALE: (+ postage) Cal 575 N 25¢, Q 30¢, 615 C 25¢; Conn 210 C 45¢; Ill 270 E 35¢, 535 B 35¢; NY 980 B 50¢; Pa 70 A 15¢; 875 B 65¢, 940 B 15¢, 985 J 45¢, K 35¢; Wis 700 I 45¢; also all 1000's listed in April Fare Box page 54. Foreign list available for a stamped envelope. = J.G. Nicolosi - 3002 Galindo St. - Oakland, CA 94601

FOR SALE: Cal 575 Ab \$4; Conn 235 B \$5; Kan 450 C \$3; La 810 F \$6.50; Md 60 J \$2.50, K \$4.50, L \$6.50, N \$6.50, Z \$4.50, AN \$4, AO \$5, AP \$5; Mich 65 G \$13.50; NJ 20 D \$6; NY 285 B \$35; Ohio 15 B (little damage) \$5, 175 W (Unc.) \$7.50, 520 C \$4, 860 B \$13; Pa 15 D \$17.50; Va 620 G \$7.50; rare horsecar, Unid. #52 \$75. Postage extra. David E. Schenkman - P.O. Box 274 - Indian Head, MD 20640

WANTED: Illinois Civil War tokens. Pay up to \$350 each or will trade census transp., car wash, parking or real estate tokens. Send SAE for list of TT cat. \$1 to \$7.50. Over 40 diff. = Rich Hartzog - P.O. Box 4143 - Rockford, IL 61110

NEED CALIF 320 F G I, to complete set. Could use two sets. Sol Halpern - 1032 N. Screenland Dr. - Burbank, CA 91505

WANTED HORSECARS: Wis 510 B; Wis 360 C; Neb 540 H; Ala 800 A; Minn 230 D; Mich 590 B. State condition & price. Have some transp., coins, stamps, & other tokens to trade. Bary D. Bender - 752 North 74th - Seattle, WA 98103

FOR TRADE: Neb 700 D; Cal 745 N; Ia 150 B, 380 I, 3850 A, 850 H; timetable G; Wis 511 A, 510 G; Minn 510 A; Okla 640 A; SD 260 B; WV 890 D, 890 unlisted; Ia 850 I damaged; Italy 600 A B; Greece Tramway of Karlovassi unlisted 20. WANTED: Ia 850 A B D E F G. Pat Morgan - Box 3282 - Sioux City, IA 51102

WANTED: AVA Convention token, Montana and Washington transp. tokens I need. Please send list with prices. = Linda Biarum - 2250 S. 204th Sp. 30 - Seattle, WA 98188

HELP! I need the following New Jersey transp. tokens: 145 A, 290 D, 605 A, 997 M. If you have any of these for sale or trade please write. I'm sure we can make a deal. Bob Slawsky - P.O. Box 423 - Rockaway, NJ 07866

I HAVE SEVERAL MO 430 E for trade. Also many other tokens including ILL 430 A B C and Ohio 10 A. Send me your trade list; I'll send you mine. W.G. Garrison - 9505 Normandy Ave. - Morton Grove, IL 60053

FOR TRADE: please send an SAE for list of material I have for trade. Mostly common TT's but some not so common, a few foreign, a few parking, and other exnumia you might be interested in. Looking primarily for trades of NY,CO,OR,DC tokens. Wayne A. Coleman - Box 481 - Boulder, CO 80302

AUCTION: send large SAE for list. Have scarce TT to trade for scarce Iowa TT I need. Doug Redies - Box 4461 - Cedar Rapids, IA 52407

ATTENTION NEW MEMBERS: 20 diff. TT's all catalogued & housed in 2x2 envelopes for just \$2.50 + 30¢ postage and ins. Paul Targonsky - 23 Harrison St. - Meriden, CT 06450

REWARD! \$1.50 FOR THE FIRST OHIO 225 A TO LAND IN MY MAIL BOX. Here's your chance to score Buckeyes. = E.C. Lanham - 1212 Sue Lane S.E. - Hillside, MD 20027

WIS. TT's for sale: 40 E G, 70 D, 180 F, 220 C, 410 H, 430 A, 440 E, 620 B E, 900 A, 940 G, all 50¢ each +SAE. Bob Kloida - 2821 Parkridge Ave. - Marinette, WI 54143

let's trade! My 1972 nickel-silver Rose Bowl medal,ollar size, you send 2 diff. transp. tokens + double-stamped envelope. These medals sold for \$2 each at the game & parade. = Bill Williges - P.O. Box 445 - Wheatland, CA 95692

Arabian 1 Dinar tokens inscribed "There is no God but Allah; Mohammed is God's Prophet." I have a few of each in aluminum, brass, copper, and copper-nickel. All are 27mm and unc. and I'll trade one your choice for 10 diff. transp. tokens or world coins. Set of 4 for 35 diff. = Dan Rusnak - Box 327 - Sparks, NV 89431

WANTED INFORMATIPN: information on the early dept. store charge coins used by stores in your city. I will send ten TT's of my choice to each one supplying me with the names of stores and descriptions of the coins they used. E.L. Dence - 8627 Crispin Dr. - Philadelphia, PA 19136

SELL 15¢ each or 7 for \$1 +SAE: Ohio 830 D E F; Pa 765 Z AB, 263 A, 850 C, 675 B; TN 160 A; Fla 130 D; WV 140 A B; MI 680 Q; NY 230 E F H, MSPT 3060 A; Pa 3405 A. 25¢ each or 3 for 50¢: PR 640 D; WV 590 A B; Va 3660 B; Pa 3245 B +SAE. Have bigger list for SAE. = Studebaker - 2614 Legare St. - Beaufort, SC 29902

WANTED: Pa 760 A and 970 A. Have Pa 725 D and H to trade.  
 R. Grant Carner - RD 2, Box 112 - Oil City, PA 16301  
 FOR SALE: Small collection of "good for" pocket mirrors from states east of Nebraska. Sold as collection only; or will trade individual pieces for desirable Colorado tokens. = Lee Nott - 631 Osage Drive - Papillion, NE 68046  
 MAIL BID: All N.C. - 20 A, 30 C, 130 A, 160 A, 190 A B C, 240 A, 290 A B C, 330 A, 380 C D E, 450 A B E, 545 A B, 660 A, 670 A, 690 B C, 690 C D E, 700 B C D E, 710 A B 770 B, 880 A B, 950 B, 980 A B C E F G I. Add airmail & insurance. CLOSE JULY 15  
 George H. Wyatt - 32 Skylark Lane - Lunenburg, MA 01462  
 WANTED: COLORADO 620 A B, 640 A, 760 A C F G H I K L M O, 860 A B C D E, 998 A B C.  
 R.B. Seger - 6054 So. Marshall Drive - Littleton, CO 80123  
 FOR SALE: March 1916 edition of "Suburban Trolley Lines Within 50 Miles of New York City" 31 pages maps names & schedules. Also looseleaf copies of Atwood 1948 & 1952 editions. Best offer over \$10 each.  
 B. Keith - 18440 Fielding Ave. - Detroit, MI 48219  
 FOR SALE: Ala 120 J 80¢, 570 E 45¢; Alas 190 A \$9.50, 400 C \$1, 450 H \$1.60; Ark 435 J 50¢, 720 B \$2.50, 975 A \$2.40, B \$1; Cal 445 C 75¢, D \$1, E \$1, 450 K 50¢, 575 Q 60¢, R 75¢, 700 A \$1.50, B 75¢, 703 A \$2, B 75¢, 715 V 50¢, X 75¢, 760 D 50¢, E 50¢, F 50¢, 805 B, \$1.50, 815 E \$1, 835 E \$1, 970 B 50¢, 997 H \$1, 715 U 45¢; Mich 775 A \$4.75; Okla 610 B \$3.25; Wis 700 E \$3.50.  
 J.H. Roy - 10201 Christophe Colomb - Montreal, Quebec  
 I WOULD LIKE to exchange TT trade lists with other members. My list of approx. 200 TT's for trade, are mostly common. = Greg Prgomet - Box 87 - Greensburg, PA 15601  
 FOR SALE/TRADE + POSTAGE: Mass 115 G 50¢, I 75¢, L 40¢, 135 A 50¢, B 50¢, C 75¢, 550 B 60¢, 825 A 40¢; NH 720 B 25¢; RI 700 E 50¢; CA 435 A 45¢, B 50¢, 450 B 40¢, J 40¢, K 55¢, 575 M 60¢; NC 130 H 45¢, 980 D 45¢; Ind 260 A 45¢, 690 A 40¢; NH 3820 A 75¢; Brookline Park Dept. tennis token (Mass.) \$1.50; also trolley items; SAE required for list. = Kevin T. Farrell - 7 Brown St. - No. Billerica, MA 01862  
 WANTED: Merchant's trade tokens (with or without city & state). Will trade TT, PT, coins, postage stamps, or what? = S. Ruggeri - P.O. Box 145 - Canton, OH 44701  
 ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE OF UNITED STATES & CANADIAN TRANSPORTATION TOKENS, 3rd edition 1970, 731 pages buckram bound. Price \$12 retail special AVA member price \$8 postpaid. SUPPLEMENT 1973 to the Atwood Catalogue, 40 pages, price \$1.50 postpaid.  
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 Age 56; Machinist. Collects all types. (Cunningham)  
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 Age 20; Student. Collects California tokens. (Williges)  
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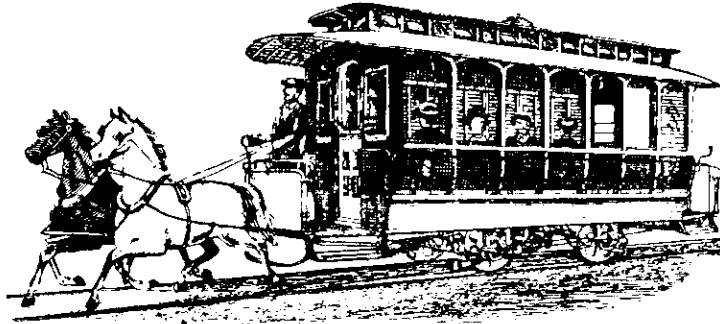
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July 29. This is the last call for the 1975 Annual Convention of the A.V.A. to be held August 15-17 at the Ramada Inn/Airport - 9620 Airport Blvd. - Los Angeles, CA 90009. Bob Ritterband informs me he already has over 75 paid advance registrations! This will definitely break all records for attendance, and we do hope to see you there. A lot of us will be arriving Thursday night.

Just received is our new booklet, Personal Tokens of Vecturists, prepared for us by Paul and Susan Cunningham. A really fine piece of work, and a copy has been sent free to every AVA member. Our hearty thanks to Paul and Susan for answering our call of a couple months back in such an efficient and rapid way.

Incidentally, just before I left Boston, Paul called to report that a huge quantity of the previously rare Ohio 165 G and H had turned up. Between 300 and 500 of them, as a matter of fact! Ohio 165 H was census until now. So don't pay very much for these two tokens. We understand they will be for sale at the L.A. Convention very reasonably.

My trip from Boston to Tacoma via Amtrak was--mirabile dictu--wonderful. Trains were all clean, the air-conditioning worked, and they're putting two diners on the long trains now so there's no waiting for lunch or dinner. The whole trip was a delight for an old rail fan like myself, and now I'm looking forward to the trip to L.A. on the "Coast Starlight." Along the way I had great hospitality from members: David Schenkman in Indian Head, MD; Joel Reznick in Chicago; Syd Joseph in Denver; Hal & Louise Ford in Oakland. I visited with scores of collectors, too, and all in all it was a rewarding trip. A big gathering at Syd's home in Denver brought out Toby Frisbee, Gene Skoglund, Bob Seger, George Van Trump, Doris Wietrick, Bob Spencer, Jim Zervas, Tom & Flo McDonald, and Clay Welty. The annual meeting at Duane Feisel's place in Los Altos brought out the usual big turnout of California collectors. When I left Boston I said I'd pick up a dozen census tokens. Didn't quite make a dozen, but I have picked up four since I left. Not too bad.

The August issue is always a small one. The next (September) issue will be published from Boston late in September, will a full report on the convention, and all the other news picked up over the summer.

Meanwhile, we'll see you in Los Angeles.



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= RECORD PRICES FOR FARE TOKENS =  
By Yosef Sa'ar

On page 16 of the Feb. Fare Box it mentions that \$240 is the highest known price for a transport tokens (PA 765 A). I also recall that Quebec 745 A did realize \$200 (Canada) at the 1965 convention of the Canadian Numismatic Assn. in Montreal. Recently I received 2 auction catalogues with prices realized that give us some new record prices for fare tokens.

The Don Flick collection sale (April 17-20, 1975), Quebec 620 K about Unc. realized \$250 Canada. (Lot 2010; sale catalogued by Frank Rose)

The sale of the collection of AVA life member Ray Byrne (June 13-15, 1975, catalogued by Jess Peters Inc., Los Angeles): Lot 26, Nassau, Bahamas, 4 Paradise Island Bridge tokens and one cruise boat token, 5 pieces \$55. The Fare Box page 81 (1971) lists one bridge token used by employees. According to the sale catalogue there are others--a WM 27mm for buses, a K 28mm for residents, a blue-enameled WM 29mm for taxicabs. The cruiseboat token is a 25mm for a round trip from Nassau to Paradise Island. (No metal stated.)

Same sale, lot 238: Aruba, Curacao 80 A, VF+, realized \$100 (this token is pictured on page 21 of the 1967 Fare Box). Lot 858, Jamaica 420 A plus either 420 B or C, 2 pieces realized \$15 (see photos page 21, 1967 Fare Box). Lot 859, Jamaica 420 D realized \$350. See listing in The Fare Box, page 147 (1971). A new record for a transport token. Lot 941, Brazil 710 A realized \$50. This is incorrectly attributed from Montserrat Island in the sale catalogue. Smith's Catalogue correctly puts it from Brazil (Santos). Finally, Norway 750 A (Lot 1073) realized \$15. Sale catalogue incorrectly lists it from Virgin Islands, a definite error. The Smith Catalogue correctly lists it from Norway.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS OF PETERSBURG, VIRGINIA  
by David E. Schenkman

The history of Petersburg's public transportation systems began in 1882, when the Petersburg Street Railway Company was authorized to operate "a street railway system with a single track, the cars to be drawn by horses or mules, and the fare not to exceed five cents per person." The line, which issued two vulcanite tokens (Va. 620 A and B), started operating in September, 1883. The company had six cars. During the early days of operations the mud was so bad in some sections that the mules had to be unhitched to keep them from becoming mired. By 1890 the company owned nine cars, thirty eight mules, and two horses.

A second line which ran from Petersburg to the Central Lunatic Asylum was completed in 1888. The line was named The Petersburg & Asylum Railway. Old timers nicknamed it the "Dummy Line" since the power was furnished by a dummy type steam engine. Considering the destination of the line, the nickname probably had a dual meaning. As far as I know this company never used tokens, but I have in my collection a few interesting cardboard transfer tickets which were good on both this line and the Petersburg Street Railway Company cars.

Both of these early lines were owned by Mr. George Beadle. In the early 1890's he established an electric car line which eliminated both the mule drawn cars and the dummy engines. In 1896 he sold out to the Virginia Traction Company, a company that unfortunately didn't believe in using tokens. After two years of operations the electric cars proved so faulty that the company converted back to the mule drawn cars. New electric equipment was purchased and in 1899 the mule cars were retired for good. In the early 1900's the Virginia Traction Company merged into the Virginia Railway and Power Company, which eventually became the Virginia Electric & Power Company. One token, 620 P, was issued by this company.

Another company that evidently didn't use tokens was the Richmond & Petersburg Electric Railway. This line started operating in 1902, connecting Petersburg with Richmond. The line followed the general route of what is now the Richmond-Petersburg Turnpike. In 1909 the company merged with the Virginia Railway and Power Company. Gas buses eventually replaced the electric cars.

The early streetcars were two man operations, having a motorman and a conductor. The people of Petersburg found the old summer cars, which were open and had seats from side to side, to be a pleasant mode of transportation. In 1919 one-man safety cars replaced the two-man cars.

In 1923 the streetcars on the Walnut Hill line were replaced by trackless trolleys, which were cars without rails, electrically operated with dual trolley poles. These vehicles had solid rubber tires and the vibrations they made were so bad the citizens complained about plaster cracking in their houses. Various improvements were made, including a solid cement strip which was laid in the center of the line, but the trolleys proved unsuccessful and were discontinued in December, 1926. They were immediately replaced by gasoline buses.

In 1932 Mr. H.B. Maitland started operating small jitneys in the Kenilworth area of Petersburg. The jitneys were later replaced by buses, and the company was named Maitland Brothers Bus Line. Although Mr. Maitland evidently had a hatred of all token collectors, he issued a total of eight interesting tokens, 620 F through M. The rarest of these is M, which is actually an unpunched error of the L token. However, they evidently were used with the knowledge of the company, thus the listing. Our editor, John Coffee, spent some time in Petersburg in the late 1940's, and he recalls that Maitland's drivers had strict instructions not to sell even a single token to a collector. We can only speculate on what schemes John devised to acquire tokens!

During the same period of time during which Mr. Maitland was starting in business, Mr. Frank M. Parrish started his own company, known as the High Street Bus Line. He purchased this line from the Southside Transportation Company. The company issued two tokens, 620 N and O, the latter one being extremely rare. The line operated

from downtown Petersburg to High Street and a few other streets in the area. In the early days of operation there was only one bus that went around and around the route. The fare in those days was 5¢, and you could ride all day long if you wanted to. In 1932 Mr. Parrish's company started running the Ferndale Park line. This line ran from the downtown area to Ferndale Park via Washington Street. In 1937 Maitland Brothers purchased the Ferndale Park line from Mr. Parrish. From what I have learned, the use of tokens was discontinued on the High Street line about 1938, and all those on hand were thrown into the Potomac river. In 1940 Mr. Parrish started another line, this one connecting Petersburg with Camp Lee.

Va. 620 C was issued by the Petersburg, Hopewell & City Point Railway, a company that operated streetcars between Petersburg and Hopewell until it went into receivership in 1930. Another firm, the Southside Transportation Company, received a charter in 1927 to operate buses from Petersburg to Hopewell. In August of 1930 a new company, the Petersburg, Hopewell & City Point Transportation Company, was formed. This company took over the assets of the Petersburg, Hopewell & City Point Railway, and in 1939 purchased the Southside Transportation Company. That same year the name of the company was changed to Petersburg-Hopewell Bus Lines. The streetcar line to Hopewell was converted, giving Petersburg 100% bus operation. 620 C continued to be used until the 1940's by the Petersburg-Hopewell Bus Lines as a mail carrier token.

The Ettrick area of Petersburg was served by a small company, the Ettrick Bus Line. This line, owned by Mr. Jessie Laffoon, used only one token, the scarce 620 E. In 1939, with the death of Mr. Laffoon, the line was purchased by Mr. Stewart P. Driskill and named Driskill Bus Lines. During this same period the Matoaca Bus Line was in operation. Little is known about this company, but they left collectors with one desirable token, 620 D. In 1944 the Petersburg-Hopewell Bus Lines acquired this company, as well as the Driskill Bus Line.

In 1945 the Virginia Electric & Power Company sold its bus operation to the Petersburg Transit Company. This company issued four varieties of tokens, 620 Q, R, S and T. Any collector owning a specimen of the plated token, 620 S, should consider himself very fortunate. According to an article written in 1949 by John Coffee, these tokens were made as samples. The company received only sixteen of them, and they were placed in circulation with the other tokens.

The Kenilworth line of Maitland Brothers was purchased by Petersburg Transit Company in 1947, and during that same year they purchased the High Street Bus Line from Mr. Parrish. Two years later Mr. Parrish retired from the transit business and sold his Petersburg-Camp Lee line to the Petersburg-Hopewell Bus Lines.

The 1950's saw a decline in passenger traffic, and in 1956 the Petersburg Transit Company notified the city that it was ceasing operations. The Petersburg-Hopewell Bus Lines was granted a permit to operate those lines abandoned by the Petersburg Transit Company. The next year the ownership of Petersburg-Hopewell Bus Lines changed. The new directors of the corporation felt that the company should have a new name to better identify the area served, thus the name was changed to Tri-City Coaches, Inc. Tri-City Coaches has never used tokens, but they did issue several types of cardboard school tickets. The president of the company was very helpful in supplying information regarding the predecessors of his firm and their operation. In a letter a few years ago he wrote "It makes me sick to think of all the tokens and tickets I have destroyed in the thirty years of service and not to have kept some for history."

This completes my notes on the transportation companies of Petersburg. This small old southern town has the largest number of transportation tokens of any Virginia town, and only two or three collectors can boast of owning all twenty issues. In 1967, a few years after I became interested in Virginia tokens, my wife and I spent a day in Petersburg searching for some of the elusive issues from that area. I knew the Maitland Brothers Bus Line was still operating, but my letters to the company had gone unanswered. After an unsuccessful search of all the coin and antique shops in the town, we went to the office of Maitland Brothers. This old building, located on the

main highway at the west end of town, was a large wooden garage where the buses were maintained; a small office was attached, and the buses were kept parked in the weeds at the side of the building. While my wife waited in the car, I went in the office and spoke with the manager, a very pleasant man who informed me that the company, which was now primarily a charter bus service, was no longer owned by Maitland. When asked about tokens he laughed and told me that they had all been destroyed years ago. "Sure wish we had some of those old tokens now", he said. "We get letters all the time from collectors who want to buy them. I just throw the letters away, because I don't have time to answer all of them." Disappointed, I thanked him and left. Outside the office I saw an old mechanic working on one of the buses, so I walked over and asked him about the tokens. Much to my surprise he told me that while cleaning up the tool room in the garage a few months back, he had found a small box full of the tokens. No, he didn't think he had thrown them out. I explained to him that I was a collector and had driven up all the way from Norfolk just to get some of the tokens. He went to look for them and was gone for about five minutes (it seemed like five hours). He came back at last, and presented me with a box of tokens which he said I was welcome to take free. I hastily thanked him and left, not wanting to give him a chance to change his mind. I drove a few blocks and stopped to examine my treasure. The box contained well over a hundred of the 620 J, several each of 620 H and I, and quite a few 620 F and G (which were then on the census list). Also in the box were a few very nice old Virginia trade checks, and right on top of everything was a beautiful specimen of the rare aluminum High Street Bus Line token, 620 O. Needless to say I was elated beyond description. There were none of the 10¢ Maitland Brothers tokens in the group; evidently this box was put away when Maitland started charging a 10¢ fare.

A couple of years ago I was again in Petersburg and drove down to see the old Maitland garage. The building had been torn down, no doubt a victim of old age. It was sad to learn that another piece of the past had been destroyed. No new building would have the character and charm of the old Maitland garage.

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= AUGUST NEW ISSUES SERVICE REPORT =

The N.I.S. is entering its 21st year at a full gallop with all kinds of tokens coming your way. This month's listings of new issues were sent you last month and should be in your hands by now (unless your account wasn't enough to cover them).

Our thanks to Ralph Freiberg for making a special trip to Walnut Creek to pick up a supply of CA 692 A. Our thanks, as usual, to Tom Williamson for obtaining a supply of NY 695 E and 875 Z for us. It took a lot of correspondence on my part and Ralph Freiberg's part to get supplies of NH 615 A and OR 240 H but we got them.

The TN 20 E is like 20 D but a different metal, and again our thanks to Mr. Craig for getting a supply of these for us.

The 1975 Los Angeles Convention Tour token will be a real beauty and I'll send these out after I return from the convention. Our thanks to Bob Ritterband and his staff for making these available to us. Remember--please--if you will be getting yours at the Convention and do not want me to send you one, write and let me know right away!

There are a lot more new issues pending, and with the new high fare rates it is doubly important for N.I.S. members to keep up your balance to cover the cost of these tokens. I have to send large checks to buy quantities of these tokens so we need capital, and we need your deposit to cover the tokens we send you.

This month I want to welcome 3 new associate members to the N.I.S.: Richard Marzian, James Adams, and Bill Crawford. Welcome aboard!

- John G. Nicolosi

= AUGUST SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE =  
By Ralph Freiberg

CALIFORNIA

Walnut Creek 962 (Reported by Jack Smith and New Issues Service)  
CITY OF WALNUT CREEK (WALNUT TREE & BUS)  
A B 25 Sd Good For One Free All Day Ticket  
The BART/Downtown Shuttle Bus (\* 2/23/75) \$0.25

MICHIGAN

Ann Arbor 40 (Reported by Hector Turgeon and Roice Rider)  
A A T A (LOGO)(Ann Arbor Transportation Authority)  
A B 16 Sd (same as obverse but with Pilgrim Hat mintmark added)  
(\* 4/75)(senior citizen & low-income token) .25

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Litchfield 615 (Reported by M&W and N.I.S.)  
STERLING BUS LINE  
A o B 29 Sd Litchfield N.H. (\* 1969)(500 struck)(school token) .25

NEW YORK

Oswego 695 (Reported by Al Craig & Tom Williamson)  
E Bz 23 S (Like 875 R, but electroplated pink)(\* 1/75) .15  
Syracuse 875 (Reported by Al Craig & Tom Williamson)  
Z B 20 Bar (Like 875 X, but WM-plated)(\* 1/75) .35

OREGON

Eugene 240 (Reported by M&W and N.I.S.)  
LANE TRANSIT DISTRICT EUGENE, ORE. (LOGO)  
H B 16 Sd Good For One Fare LTD 1974 (senior citizen token) .25

SOUTH DAKOTA

Sturgis 900 (Reported by Doris J. Wietrick)  
FRUTH HOTEL. STURGIS, S.D.  
A o B 30 Sd Good For / One / Return / Trip. (Sc-cloverleaf) 7.50

TENNESSEE

Alcoa 20 (Reported by Al Craig)  
E Bz 23 Sd (Like 20 D, but bronze)(\* 1/75) .65  
(Used as part-way fare between Alcoa and Knoxville)

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Washington 500 (Reported by David Burnette, Richard Parker, David Schenkman)  
METRO TM  
AM B 20 M-sc Metrobus 1973 Serving Our Students (school token) .15

## = NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG

The August issue is limited in space so I shall have to condense my comments. The line using the Walnut Creek, CA, token began operating January 15, 1975. I went over there a week after the line started but the bus drivers then knew nothing about any pending tokens. But we finally learned of the token from Jack Smith. 5,000 tokens were struck in the first order. The tokens are sold in quantities at a 20% discount, i.e. 50 for \$10. The hope is that some industrial users will buy them and give them out in various ways. Jack Smith found the token in a sample box in Cincinnati, so perhaps they were struck by Osborne Coinage Co. of

that city. The Ann Arbor token is used for senior citizens and low-income people to whom they are sold at a discount. Regular fare is 25¢. The AATA has been in existence since September, 1968, but the Authority office has since then moved to Ypsilanti. Mr. Turgeon learned of this token thru the Roger Williams Mint, which uses a mintmark that looks like a Pilgrim Hat. Joel Reznick telephoned AATA in an effort to obtain a supply for the New Issues Service but they refused to sell any to us. However, Roice Rider went down there and obtained several of them and has an ad in this issue offering them for trade. They will not be available thru NIS. However, members might get them by sending \$1.25 plus postage and giving a social security number indicating they are senior citizens. A senior citizen social security number is the same one everyone has, but with an "A" after it. Tokens are sold at 10 for \$1.25 to seniors.

We learned about the NH 615 A thru the Meyer & Wenthe records, and they have stopped using them. It took us a long time to get an answer, but we finally did, and the owner of the line has sold us 200 of them for the N.I.S. Tokens were used on school buses in the Manchester vicinity. The firm's name derives from the first name of its owner, Sterling Colby.

And we have some plated tokens from New York State. There will be a lot more to come after this, too. Al Craig had written to Syracuse inquiring about tokens and learned about these, so we asked Tom Williamson to see if he could get a supply for us. First they used the blue-plated tokens in Oswego, but when the school fare was reduced they shifted the blue ones over to Auburn and put pink-plated ones into use in Oswego. Then for uniformity they also plated the adult tokens as well. These tokens have undergone a lot of coloring: issued as bronze; then WM-plated; then colored pink for use in Oswego. The pink is not overwhelming, and in a short time it'll disappear. There was also a technicality in the use of school tokens in Syracuse, and early in 1975 they also WM-plated the brass ones. These tokens come thru the fare box and then are sold back to the School Board. One reason they plated them was to show use during school hours only. The school fare is the same as the adult fare at present.

In Eugene, OR, they needed more senior citizen tokens and the reorder came thru with the date 1974 on them. We learned of these thru the Meyer & Wenthe records, but the company claimed they knew nothing of the token, back in January. However, follow-up letters were fruitful and we have a supply now for N.I.S.

John Coffee was shown the depotel token of Sturgis, SD, when he was at Syd Joseph's house in Denver. Doris wouldn't part with the token for anything.

After getting us a supply of the Alcoa tokens for N.I.S.--the ones for a complete trip from Alcoa to Knoxville--Mr. Craig learned about this partway fare one. They didn't have enough of this Tenn 20 E on hand to sell us a quantity at the time, but since have ordered 2,000 more so we got a supply for N.I.S. The Tenn 20 B & C, now obsolete, were also for partway fare. The 20 B & C were both sold at the same price and it seems strange they had 2 metals; either bronze or brass would have sufficed for both. Mr. Craig has been of great help to us in getting new issues from that area. Had he been a member back when 20 A,B,C, were issued we probably would've been able to supply these also thru N.I.S.

We knew of the D.C. school token for six months. David Schenkman's wife found one in a parking lot! They are sold only to school kids, who have a properly signed permission slip, at 10 for \$1. John Coffee tried to buy a quantity at the Metro office in Washington, but was turned down flat. However they did give him ten of them for free, just to get him out of their hair. So this one won't be handled by N.I.S. but they will be available thru ads in The Fare Box. These were struck by Osborne Coinage Co., two million being made. Meyer & Wenthe struck the adult tokens (4,000,000 made).

The new Providence, RI, RIPTA tokens have just arrived, courtesy of Hector Turgeon, and these will be sent out by N.I.S., and listed next month. We have a lot more new issues pending. It all takes time, but we'll get most of them eventually, and you will, too, if your N.I.S. balance is sufficient to cover them.

See you in Los Angeles.

FOR SALE AT QUOTED PRICES + POSTAGE: CA 575 Q 30¢, 615 C 25¢, 692 A 40¢; CT 210 C 45¢; IL 270 E 35¢, 535 B 35¢; NH 615 A 40¢; NY 695 E 30¢, 875 Z 50¢, 980 B 50¢; PA 70 A 15¢, 875 B 65¢, 940 B 15¢, 985 J 45¢, K 35¢; WI 700 I 45¢. Foreign list for SAE. = John G. Nicolosi - 3002 Galindo St. - Oakland, CA 94601

NEW ISSUE RI 700 K (RIPTA token) 25¢; Mfg sample 17 B 25¢; Mass 760 E 20¢, +SAE. H.J. Turgeon - 143 Harrison Avenue - Warwick, RI 02888

500 DIFF. TT's to any U.S. address for \$150.00, send 3rd class insured. Also, 450 diff. for \$135. Only one offer of each available. SAE will bring you my latest sales list of TT's & PT's.

Paul Targonsky - 23 Harrison St. - Meriden, CT 06450

NEW SENIOR CITIZEN TOKEN OF ANN ARBOR, MICH. (will not be sent out by New Issues Service) for trade only for any tokens I can use. Will appreciate your trade list when available. = Roice Rider - 1523 Bailey St. - Lansing, MI 48910

FOR SALE: 50 TT's loose for \$7.25 pp. 50 in 2x2 envelopes for \$7.75 pp. 2 wood nickels with either lot. = P. Thompson - 1805 Lyons Ave. - Lansing, MI 48910

FOR SALE TO BEST OFFER: Manitoba 900 B; NY 300 A; Ohio 175 X; Wis 510 D. Old unlisted parking token for Commonwealth Hotel, Chicago, Ill.

Marie A. Johnson - Route 2 - Clinton, MI 49236

PARKING TOKENS FOR SALE AT 50¢ EACH: IN 3350 A, 3610 A; IA 3240 A, 3300 F; KS 3450 A(A), 3490 C E; KY 3140 A, 3480 B, 3510 C(A); LA 3080 A(A) D(B) G, 3740 D; MD 3220 A, 3620 A; MA 3280 A, 3970 B(D); MI 3060 A, 3530 C(D)(E), 3650 A, 3885 C, 3935 A. J. Douglas Ferguson - Box 38 - Rock Island, Quebec JOB2KO

PLEASE WRITE for my free list of over 200 diff. TT's for sale (15¢-\$1) or trade.

Dan Rusnak - Box 327 - Sparks, NV 89431

WANTED: Mass 210 B, 305 A, 505 B, 550 M P, 630 F, 660 B, 970 B; RI 700 A B.

Melvin E. Beaton - 111 Spring Street - West Roxbury, MA 02132

JULY ISSUE PRICES still good. For trade or not trade to highest bidder, + postage 25 diff. PT's (include \$1 PT) PTMS 3006 A, 3007 C, MSPT 3070 Bb; Pa 675 C; CA 3450 AD; SC 3100 A; Quebec 3620 D; 1st book Que 3999 D.

Joe Studebaker - 2614 Legare St. - Beaufort, SC 29902

WILL TRADE ONTARIO 950 C for Ontario 950 A or D.

John K. Curtis - Box 263 - Willowdale, Ontario M2N 5S9

A 10¢ STAMP will get you my newest TT, PT, and car wash token list.

Gary Pipher - Box 217 - Johnson City, NY 13790

TT's FOR SALE AT 25¢ EACH + POSTAGE: NH 720 A B; NM 40 E; NY 10 A, 105 D, 230 E F G H I, 360 B, 445 D E F G, 505 A, 615 D, 631 Q T, 760 A B, 785 A B, 905 G, 995 A; NC 20 B, 130 M, 190 D, 350 B, 960 A, 980 D H. Also have several issues of THE FARE BOX (33) for 1964, 1968, 1969, 1970. Will sell for \$9.90 or trade for equal value of your dupe TT's at cat. price.

Claude G. Thompson - 3757 Kipling Avenue So. - Minneapolis, MN 55416

LET'S TRADE! My 1968 AVA Oakland Convention token (Cal 760 J) for your 25 diff. TT's + double-stamped #10 envelope. My token cats. \$2.50.

Bill Williges - Box 445 - Wheatland, CA 95692

WANTED: the following N.J. parking tokens: 3220 B, 3440 A, 3700 A, 3885 D, and car wash 410, 590. I'll pay 10x cat. for one of each for my collection.

Bob Slawsky - P.O. Box 423 - Rockaway, NJ 07866

BOOKS - trade for TT's, PT's, foreign tokens, Canada tokens, etc. Books on horses history, Indians, political, outdoors, fishing, hunting, animals, religion, novels, Fannie Hurst, Sinclair Lewis, baseball, sports, 1850-1970. Write:

Frank E. Boldizar - 1700 Lyons Ave. - Lansing, MI 48910

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John M. Coffee, Jr. - 4104 Sixth Avenue - Tacoma, WA 98406

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A Monthly News-Letter for

Transportation Token Collectors

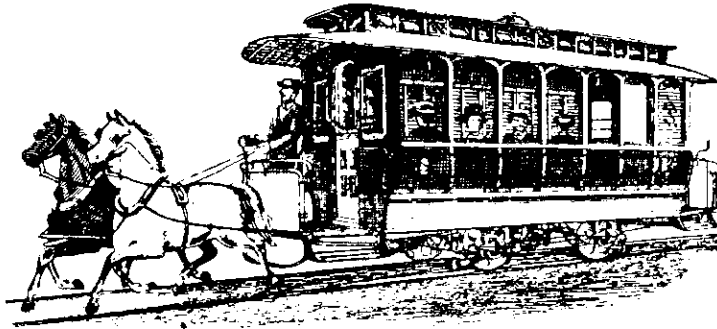


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*The Editor regrets to report the death of Ben Arnold, AVA #1249, on May 3 of this year. I did not know Ben personally, but I have corresponded with him, as have many of the rest of us. "Every man's death diminishes me," wrote John Donne, and this is also true of our Association. He leaves a void with us, but it is good to know that his membership in the AVA meant very much to him, and added a new dimension to his life.*

September 22. In addition to learning of Ben's death, I have also recently been informed that a former member, Nat Horwitz of Utica, NY, died on August 26 after a long illness. Nat, who was 83 when he died, was a real gentleman and a delightful friend. He frequently attended NEVA meetings in New York City, travelling all the way from Utica by bus. We shall miss him at future gatherings in the big city.

A wonderful summer has come and gone, and we begin a new token year with our accustomed large issue, which is made easier to publish now thanks to our Stencil-making machine which permits me to transcribe neat articles directly onto stencils. Thus, for instance, the long Prices Realized of the AVA auction is put directly onto stencils exactly as Ken Smith sent the list to me. That would've been a horror to type!

The Los Angeles Convention in August was far and away the largest and busiest convention we have ever had. It is no disservice to our earlier conventions--all of which have been excellent--to say that more members and visitors had more fun, did more things, met more people, and saw more tokens, than at any previous gathering of transportation token collectors. The Editor arrived from Tacoma via Amtrak's wonderful "Coast Starlight." This train probably is the most enjoyable of any train now operating in America. From Seattle it roars down the Puyallup Valley to Tacoma, thence along Puget Sound to Olympia, and on down to Portland where it crosses the mighty Columbia. Then races down the Willamette Valley to Eugene, cuts over glorious mountain scenery as it crests the high Siskiyou, races down to Klamath Falls, then over more magnificent mountain scenery in northern California right beside mighty Mount Shasta, then down the Sacramento Valley to San Francisco Bay, cooled by the Great Pacific Fog which rolls in through the Golden Gate. On down the northern San Joaquin Valley, then over an amazing mountain pass into San Luis Obispo, and at least 150 miles right along Pacific Ocean beaches in southern California, as bathers wave at



the great train from the surf, delighted to see that trains are still alive and well in America. It was clean, cool, uncrowded, and friendly. If you want a wonderful vacation some time, take this train. It is pure joy to ride.

Arriving in L.A. Thursday evening, I was met at the depot by Bob Ritterband who drove me out to the Ramada Inn at the L.A. Airport. Already well over a dozen AVA members had gathered in Bill Williges' room (which he shared with his son, also an AVA member). Max Schwartz was the center of much of the attention as he brought out tokens which some of us grabbed up as fast as he produced them. Hal Ford, for instance, beat me by a split second to get a Philippines 700 F (the 2nd one known!) at a bargain price. That "Harold Ford Reach" is probably the closest thing to the speed of light ever beheld by man. But I did all right in spite of it. As the evening wore on, more and more collectors crowded into the room, and some adjourned to other rooms, on into the wee hours, to buy, sell, trade, and just talk tokens. In the old days our conventions began on Saturday, and a few members started arriving on Friday. Now the conventions begin on Friday, and a few members are arriving on Thursday...and often the best bargain are there on Thursday for the early birds. All day and all night, throughout our stay, huge jet airplanes roared overhead, only about 20 feet overhead it seemed, for we were right on the approach pattern, and our sleep was comforted with the thought that one pilot's slight wrong jiggle of a control wheel and the whole area would be like another Hiroshima. I rejoiced that I would be returning to Tacoma via a civilized method of travel, the railroad.

Friday, all day, saw feverish activity in the big bourse room reserved for us. There have never been so many tokens, from unique census tokens to common ones, for sale in one room before this convention! Some of the prices were pretty high, but others were more than reasonable. Ken Smith had a shoe box of at least a thousand English celluloid tokens for sale at giveaway prices. There was something for everyone, and the general atmosphere of the room was pleasant, friendly, and very busy.

The business meeting - Saturday morning - was held in an adjacent room so the wheeler-dealers could keep going if they wished, and the business session was friendly and relaxed. The auction came Saturday afternoon with the usual spirited bidding, and that night we had the best banquet we've ever had at a convention, buffet style. The food was excellent, and you could take all you wanted. The room was jam packed for the banquet and we had to bring in extra chairs. The program following the banquet consisted of an excellent film by William Myers, company historian for Southern California Edison, who told us the story of the Mount Lowe trolley line (not the one that used the tokens). Some discussion followed the showing of the film, on the exact nature of the Mt. Lowe tokens. I said nothing at the time, but Roland Atwood once told me that these were made by R.W. Dunn and given to the man who operated the little mule car atop Mt. Lowe, and they were then used by him on that mule car. Be that as it may, a set of the four tokens brought \$49.50 in the AVA auction that day.

On Sunday, 74 of us visited the famous "Queen Mary" in Long Beach (pictured on bus tokens of that city). That huge ship must be seen to be believed. Returning to the hotel, the buying & selling continued unabated Sunday afternoon in our AVA room, which wisely was reserved for us also on Sunday.

Sunday afternoon I drove to Santa Barbara with Ralph Freiberg and John Nicolosi, and that night in the motel room Ralph attempted, with only some success, to explain the complicated usage of the electroplated tokens of Centro of New York State. I'm still a little vague about them, though. Next morning I caught the "Coast Starlight" northbound for Tacoma, and Ralph and Nick drove back to the Bay Area on their own.

The American Numismatic Association convention began right after our ended, in the plush Marriott Hotel a block away, and the juxtaposition of the two shows no doubt much increased attendance at our own convention. The following Thursday, during the ANA show, the ANA made a room available for an "encore" meeting of the A.V.A., and Bob Ritterband had arranged for a special program on the life and accomplishments of George Francis Train, who built the first horsecar line in England, and who was hired by the City of Tacoma, Wash., to make a round-the-world trip. Ralph Mitchell and Ken Smith did the honors and displayed tokens and passes issued by Mr. Train. Bob tells me about 50 were present for this, most of whom were not AVA members.

So another AVA Convention goes into the history books. But there will be a lot of memories, and a lot of tangible souvenirs as well, because Bob had prepared a num-

ber of interesting souvenirs to be given to conventioners, such as a beautiful advertising mirror with the AVA seal on it. Some day I'd like to see a display of AVA Convention souvenirs that have been given out over the years. It would be a fascinating display, and also a difficult collection to assemble, because some of the stuff from our early convention is, frankly, quite rare--almost "census" one might say. Bob Ritterband deserves a real vote of thanks from all of us for going all out on the L.A. Convention. It was a wonderful event, and we all came away feeling the better for having been there.

After several days in Tacoma, I headed back to Boston via Amtrak's "Empire Builder," another fine train which arrived in Chicago right on the minute. Out of Chicago on the "Broadway Limited," and then the last leg into Boston. Amtrak is back the way it should be, and this year's train rides more than compensated for last year's horror show.

In New York City on August 31, the day before the 50¢ fare went into effect, I planned to buy 180 of the new tokens for Nicolosi's New Issues Service. After waiting 15 minutes in line at a change booth in a subway tunnel, I learned they had decided not to use the new 20mm tokens after all. They are continuing with the old 23mm ones, and on August 31 were selling only one to a customer at 35¢. But this week I saw an article in COIN WORLD which seems to indicate that several new tokens are in use on bridges. But I'm not sure they had their facts right as they also seemed to think the new 20mm was in use in the subways. In due time we'll get the facts, and we know this: any token used in New York City will exist in sufficient quantities for all of us to get one.

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= TRACKLESS TROLLEYS =  
By Robert M. Ritterband

In a recent article in *THE FARE BOX* it was said that "In 1913, Merrill, Wisc., became the first place in the world to put a trackless trolley into use." However, John Anderson Miller in his famous transportation history, *Fares Please*, denies this.

On pages 167-69, he writes, "The system at Merrill was not the first commercial trolley bus line in the United States. The initial venture was made in 1910, when the Laurel Canyon Utilities Co. installed a mile-and-a-half line between the trackage of the Pacific Electric Railway at Hollywood (Calif.) and a small settlement in Laurel Canyon, known as Bungalow Town." He illustrates the 1910 vehicle, and states further "This system operated for some months before being abandoned in favor of an improved gasoline bus."

My personal interest in the subject dates from 1920 when I was a schoolboy and our family lived about one block from this Hollywood route. Although I missed out on the trolley bus itself, I well remember riding the subsequent gasoline jitney when going to visit school chums living in the canyon. Soon after our California arrival, the level portion of this line was replaced by a Pacific Electric spur using a one-man Birney streetcar, with a transfer to the jitney at the entrance to Laurel Canyon.

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= PHILADELPHIA MAY ORDER BICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE TOKENS =

SEPTA of Philadelphia has just received a shipment of 1,500,000 20mm brass school tokens from Osborne Coinage Co., and these will go into use this month, mixed in with the present school tokens, Pa 750 AO AP AQ which will continue to be used. SEPTA's new brass regular fare tokens are still sitting in the vaults but are expected to go into use by the end of this year. But most interesting of all, SEPTA has designed, and taken bids on, a new Bicentennial transportation token. This will be made of brass, and will presumably be put into use at the same time the other new (and not yet issued) adult fare tokens go into use. However, the Bicentennial token is still not definite as they may have enough of the regular new brass tokens. But if they don't have enough, we'll also have the Bicentennial issue. Let's hope so.

= RECORD PRICE AT RAY BYRNE AUCTION =  
By Kenneth E. Smith

I attended the Ray Byrne Auction on June 13-15 in Los Angeles, which was conducted by Jess Peters. I was the only AVA member in attendance when the record price was established. I had come to see what prices were bid on West Indies tokens as I sometimes acquire them when getting transportation items. Also to meet several collectors of West Indies tokens that I had corresponded with previously. I know Jess Peters and informed him about the error listings. I showed him that the token pictured on page 157 of my book as Norway 750 A was the same as pictured as Lot 1073 and he made announcements as to these discrepancies when the lots were reached, and they sold with this understanding. Lot 858 was Jamaica 420 A and C. Lot 859, Jamaica 420 D, quickly became a contest between two persons (neither an AVA member) each of whom I knew and each had a different personal reason for wanting this token with the word "Co." on it. Lot 859 was finally sold for \$350.00.

Lot 26, the Paradise Island Bridge tokens of Nassau, Bahamas, first used in 1967, were reported to me several years ago by Don Noe but remained unlisted for the following reason: the company only made a limited number of these special usage tokens and we have been on the verge several times of acquiring them for the foreign New Issues Service. John Nicolosi has trouble sending out new issues previously listed, so we hold off listing them until we get the tokens. On August 18, 1975, I received a letter that I could buy what we needed for the New Issues Service. In the next couple of months I shall bring in several packages and send on to Nick. Then in a world supplement I'll list them with usage details and Nick will send out these tokens to parties in the foreign New Issues Service. This will then decrease the backlog of foreign listings we are holding up on, pending the obtaining of a supply for Nick, to just one token, namely the cruise boat token from Nassau to Paradise Island.

The only other tokens I hold up listing are those reported in The Fare Box and other publications where the author does not, or will not, send me pictures or rubbings. I hold these up till I get pictures or rubbings, or can inspect the token or pass itself.

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= BILL GARRISON HITS THE JACKPOT IN ROCKY MOUNT =

AVA member Bill Garrison of Morton Grove, IL, has removed one formerly rare token from the census list, NC 700 A. As he writes:

"A few weeks ago I was in North Carolina on business. I took a day of vacation to hunt for tokens and finally was lucky. In Rocky Mount I found a former owner of the Rocky Mount Transit System. He gave me about 50 miscellaneous 15¢ to 50¢ tokens, plus 17 of NC 700 A! It's my first \$10.00 token, believe it or not!"

So NC 700 A, listed at \$10 in Atwood, is no longer a census token, and Bill has some very nice traders. He says he will trade or sell the duplicates.

Elsewhere on the "New Finds" front, Bill Clapper reports a stranger: A 32 Sd HURLBURT BENSON & HURLBURT CRESTON, IOWA. (on obverse); ADMIT ONE AIRDOME GEM COMET (on reverse). We thought it might be an amusement token. I wrote to Creston, however, and learned that the token had nothing whatever to do with rides on anything.

Joe Pernicano reports acquiring Pa 526 FA, and also another stranger: WM 26 Sd "CAR & CARRIAGE CARAVAN (WHEEL)" on obverse; "ADMIT ONE (WHEEL)" on reverse. We have no idea what this thing was used for.

Yosef Sa'ar writes from Israel: "Recently purchased some strassenbahn (tramway) tokens from Central and Eastern Europe. Among them was the Kaiserslautern token listed by Smith on Page 143. On the token the word STRASSENBAHN is curved around the top and the city name curved around the bottom. There is also a small letter "a" in exergue under the trolley car. There's a chance this was just an internal control mark, but more likely it was connected with the minters of the token. Could it be the Berlin mintmark? Readers' comments would be welcome.

= THE 1975 CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN VECTURIST ASSOCIATION =  
= Minutes of the meeting =

The twenty-fifth annual convention of the American Vecturist Association was called to order at 10:10 A.M. by president Syd Joseph in the dining room of the Ramada Inn in Los Angeles, California on Saturday, August sixteenth. Susan Cunningham was asked to act as secretary in the absence of Donald Mazeau.

The convention was attended by seventy-two members of the Association. These were: Album, Allen, Atwood, Baker, Barnes, Barnett, Bess, Bingaman, Bolz, Burzinski, Carmichael, Carr, Carter, Cassidy, Coffee, Crockett, Crusen, Cunningham, Cutler, Duke, Dunn, Elman, Feisel, Fitzgerald, Ford, Freiberg, Frisbee, Hakes, Harris, Hartzog, Hawthorne, Hinde, Hyde, Heppner, Irwin, Johnson, Joseph, Kelley, Kubach, Laflin, Less, Levine, Lipscomb, Lipshie, Manning, Max, Miller, Mills, Murray, Nicholls, Nicolosi, Pearson, Reznick, Rieder, Riley, Ritterband, Roselinsky, Schenkman, Schwartz, Sena, F. Smith, J. Smith, Kenneth Smith, Kirk Smith, Tanenbaum, Thompson, Whalen, Willahan, Williams, Williges Sr., Williges Jr., and Zaika.

There were thirty-eight visitors as follows: Mmse. Allen, Barnes, Carmichael, Cassidy, Cunningham, Dunn, Elman, Hakes, Hyde, Lee Ann Johnson, Lillian Johnson, Lipscomb, Max, Miller, Murray, Nerrie, Reznick and two daughters, Riley, Ritterband, Schwartz, C. Smith, E. Smith, N. Smith, Thompson, Worthington; Messers. Abarca, Alpert, Harris, Hutton, Johnson, Rachootin, Reynolds, Wohlend, Worthington and Wright. Members and guests represented the twenty-five States and Provinces as follows: Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin, Nova Scotia and Quebec.

A welcome to all was given by Robert Ritterband, general chairman of the convention, who also made some announcements about the banquet and tour.

The minutes of the 1974 convention were unanimously accepted as printed in the Fare Box. In the absence of secretary Mazeau, his annual report was read by Ritterband and was accepted by all. The Treasurer's report was given by Toby Frisbee, Treasurer of AVA. He reported a balance of 2230.65 in the operating fund as of July 1, 4876.49 in the Life Fund and 298.62 in the Tribute Fund. A question was raised as to what the Tribute Fund was. Ritterband explained that it was set up four years ago to enable members to send in money to honor another member, living or dead. Only the donor and the treasurer know how much money is contributed. This money will be used for a special publication in the future. As incoming president, Reznick announced his appointment of Ritterband to handle all Tribute Fund operations, instead of the Treasurer. He is also to prepare frequent Fare Box reports on the same. The report was accepted by all present.

A suggestion was made by Joel Reznick that the AVA sponsor all future conventions. All profits and losses would go to AVA rather than individual sponsoring clubs. The tokens would also be the property of AVA. This suggestion was accepted by all.

Two committees were appointed: (1) a Resolutions Committee to consist of Messers. Dunn (chairman), Barnett and Kelley and (2) an Auditing Committee to consist of Messers. Cunningham, Bolz and Cassidy. These committees to report during the second portion of the meeting.

A report of the Fare Box and Catalog Committee was given by John Coffee and will be printed in the Fare Box. Max Schwartz moved to accept the reports as given, which the members present did so accept.

Ken Smith reported on his continuing work to compile a Foreign Bridge and Ferry Token Catalog including U.S. bridge and ferry tokens. He is also working on a catalog of tokens from St. Paul and Minneapolis. The AVA has no monetary interests in either catalog.

A report on the Parking Token book was given by Duane Feisel. He reported that there are at least 500 pieces made by Meyer & Wenthe that have not been reported as of yet. A new edition or a supplement will be issued when necessary. No AVA money has been used to support this catalog.

Feisel also gave a report on his work at Meyer & Wenthe in Chicago. They invited him to come to Chicago last October. Since then he has made three trips there, funded by the AVA Catalog Fund. Most of the information received has been made available to the Fare Box. Feisel has acquired a catalog of old reverse die impressions which could be made into a new catalog. Pictures of some of the impressions will soon be in the Fare Box. Meyer & Wenthe will keep all dies and hobs used there. Old dies could be used to make personal tokens with. No record is kept of trade checks but samples are kept with most token orders which are available to Feisel. He plans to go back for more information and to photograph die making procedures.

President Syd Joseph noted that this was the largest convention ever.

Joel Reznick, National Convention chairman, noted that most conventions are poorly attended, with California the only exception. Future conventions will be more accessible to everyone. He has divided the U.S. into a North-South-East-West oval in which all future conventions are to be held. This way, nobody will have to travel over 2,000 miles to attend a convention. The 1976 convention will be held in St. Louis, Missouri, which is in the middle of the nation and easily reached by all. He gave the program schedule for the 1976 convention which included some major changes from the past conventions. The site of the 1977 convention will be Carson City, Nevada with Hal Dunn as convention chairman. Proposed sites for future conventions are as follows: 1978 - Nashville, Tennessee, 1979 - Lincoln, Nebraska, 1980 - Louisville, Kentucky. Feisel recommended that tables be available for dealers at future conventions.

Further discussion on the topic mentioned having a convention in a Canadian city and the fact that AVA will never conflict with the ANA convention. The reason for the National Convention Committee is to eliminate the need for club sponsorship and enable other cities to have a convention. Max Schwartz asked if anyone was preparing a procedure manual for convention chairmen and if there would be more than one person involved in setting up the convention. Reznick stated that there would always be at least two people involved in preparing for a convention but no guidelines had been set up yet.

Under old business, three things were mentioned: (1) the Fare Box index has been turned over to the Cunninghams to be completed before the next convention, (2) a special issue, the Best of the Fare Box, is to be published soon, and (3) token dies now held by Duane Feisel are to be turned over to the AVA curator, Sid White, at Feisel's earliest convenience.

New business began with Joel Reznick commenting in the difficulties of doing business with other members through the mail. Any token sent should be insured and he strongly urged that the sender keep the insurance receipt for several years.

Max Schwartz suggested that if a member wishes to trade his personal token with another member, it is not necessary to enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope, but if a member wants another member's personal token and does not have one of his own, he should send a SASE.

Duane Feisel mentioned that meeting places are available at his token jamborees in the East in the fall and on the West coast in the spring for any organization interested.

Schwartz brought up the fact that there are some Charter Members who are not Life Members of the AVA. He proposed a motion to award these members, nine in number, Life Membership. The motion was seconded by Duane Feisel. During the following discussion it was decided that this would be an honorary membership. The cost to AVA would be \$54 per year from loss of yearly dues. There would be no transfer of money. A question was raised as to the possibility that some Charter Members would not want Life Membership if they were not currently members. The motion was amended to read all Charter Members who are currently paying dues. Feisel accepted the amendment and seconded it again. Members accepted the proposal unanimously. The nine Charter Members who will become Life Members are as follows: AVA Charter Member #2 Russell Moore, #7 Corinne M. Black, #9 Ione E. Kibbe, #12 Thomas F. Williamson, #16 Walter Underwood, #17 Michael Super, #19 Ralph W. Winant, #20 R.K. Frisbee and #26 Charles W. Houser.

There being no further new business, the meeting was adjourned for lunch at 11:45 AM until 12:45 PM.

When the meeting resumed at 12:52 PM, we heard reports from the committees as follows: the Resolutions Committee resolved to extend appreciation to the following people; (1) the Cunninghams for the Personal Token Catalog, (2) the Butlers for the directory, (3) Robert Ritterband, Elaine Willahan and the CATC membership for the convention, (4) Ken Smith, Duane Feisel and Ralph Freiburg for continuing catalog efforts, (5) John Coffee as editor of the Fare Box, (6) Syd Joseph as president, (7) Joel Reznick as vice president, (8) Toby Frisbee as treasurer, (9) Donald Mazeau as secretary and (10) Robert Ritterband as past president. It was moved and seconded to approve the Resolution's Committee report. Motion carried.

The Auditing Committee stated that all finances were in order. The report was accepted by all.

With no further business to transact, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM, with the token auction to follow soon.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Cunningham, acting secretary

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= WHEN IS AN AUTO NOT AN AUTO? =  
By Kenneth E. Smith

I saw Ben Odesser's comment in the July 1975 Fare Box. In the March 1968 Supplement to the Catalogue of World Transportation Tokens you will find some considerably more information on these "auto" (fruit machine) tokens of England. At the last count there are two groups known to me in England working independently on catalogues of these tokens, and I gather each group has catalogued over 5,000 different British fruit machine tokens.

A.V.A. CONVENTION (1975) AUCTION RESULTS ( by Kenneth Smith)

The mail only auction (lots 1 to 304) closed August 9th and the mail and floor auction (lots 305 to 664) took place on August 16th per schedule. Some collectors did not read the auction instructions carefully and came prepared to bid also on lots 1 to 304 and others forgot until too late about bidding on lots 1 to 304. The bidders who bid on almost everything at reserve or not to far above reserve hoping to big up bargains for trade or resale had a field day in lots 1 to 304 as many tokens went below present market prices and they were delighted. Lots 305 to 664 the mail and floor auction showed that in spite of the recession that token prices are holding up excellantly. Next month in response to requests, I will supply a detailed breakdown as to the bidding, the calling, and the WD and NB lots.

LOT	ITEM	REALIZED	LOT	ITEM	REALIZED	LOT	ITEM	REALIZED
Alabama			Penna.			Australia		
1	750B	1.50	34	150A	1.50	71	480NI	2.60
2	750M	.75	35	150B	2.75	72	480NQ	2.00
3	750N	.75	36	630A	1.65	73	480NV	2.00
Alaska			37	630B	1.65	74	480OA	1.50
4	450H	1.25	38	997A	1.05	75	480OF	1.50
California			39	997F	1.05	76	480OK	1.30
5	25A	4.10	40	997I	1.05	77	480OP	1.30
6	105A	4.20	41	997J	1.05	78	480OU	1.30
7	450G	1.30	42	997N	1.05	79	480PD	1.30
8	775C	7.80	Rhode Is.			80	480PN	1.30
9	1000N	W D	43	520K	16.00	81	480PI	1.40
Georgia			Tenn.			82	480PS	1.30
10	690A	.80	44	430A	5.00	83	480PX	1.30
Indiana			Texas			84	480QC	1.30
11	90A	1.40	45	255P	1.05	85	480QJ	1.30
Iowa			Virginia			86	480QP	1.30
12	600A	.75	46	20K	N B	87	480QU	1.30
13	730A	.75	Washington			88	480RA	1.30
Maryland			47	720A	1.00	89	480RF	1.30
14	60T	N B	48	880A	1.00	90	480RK	1.30
15	60AL	1.50	Wisconsin			91	480RP	1.30
16	60AO	6.00	49	170B	1.50	92	480RU	1.30
17	60AP	6.00	50	170C	1.50	93	480SA	1.30
Minnesota			51	170D	1.50	94	480SF	1.30
18	245A	.55	Phillipines			95	720A	20.00
19	620B	3.00	52	700G	N B	96	720BN	10.00
20	620C	3.00	53	700H	N B	97	720BO	10.00
21	820B	.75	54	700I	N B	98	720BP	10.00
22	820C	.75	Australia			99	720BQ	10.00
Montana			55	480EA	4.00	100	720DP	10.00
23	480A	.75	56	480EJ	4.00	101	720DS	10.00
Nevada			57	480FQ	4.00	ENGLAND		
24	100A	1.25	58	480FU	4.00	102	240PB	5.00
25	100B	1.25	59	480GX	4.00	103	240PC	5.00
26	100C	1.05	60	480GU	4.50	104	240PE	5.00
New Jersey			61	480HE	4.00	105	240PF	5.00
27	30A	.50	62	480KD	3.25	106	240PG	5.00
28	885A	.50	63	480KM	3.25	107	240PH	5.00
No. Carolina			64	480LA	3.10	108	240PI	5.00
29	690C	1.50	65	480LJ	3.10	109	240PJ	5.00
30	690D	1.50	66	480LS	3.05	110	240PL	5.00
31	690E	1.50	67	480MA	3.05	111	240PM	5.00
32	880A	1.40	68	480MI	3.05	112	560PA	3.60
33	880B	2.80	69	480MR	3.05	ALASKA		
			70	480NA	2.60	113	190A	8.35



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## MAIL BID AUCTION ( page 2 )

LOT	ITEM	REALIZED	LOT	ITEM	REALIZED	LOT	ITEM	REALIZED
Arkansas			Denmark			England		
114	435M	2.10	145	140C	.25	187	48BF	.40
Colorado			France			188	48BG	.40
115	140I	1.25	146	600BB	.60	189	48BH	.40
Conn.			Germany			190	50BT	.30
116	30A	1.55	147	100D	1.00	191	50BU	.35
Georgia			148	60A	1.25	192	90AH	.30
117	240C	N B	149	60B	1.25	193	90AR	.25
Illinois			150	230A	.80	194	90AS	.30
118	250K	.70	151	230B	.80	195	135AY	1.05
119	250L	.90	152	120A	1.10	196	135AZ	1.05
120	250M	1.30	153	300A	1.20	197	135BA	.40
121	250N	1.60	154	480B	.90	198	135BB	1.75
Indiana			155	680A	1.15	199	135BC	.35
122	930G	1.00	156	670A	1.00	200	135BD	.40
Michigan			157	390P	.80	201	135BE	.40
123	75I	N B	158	390Q	1.00	202	135BF	.40
Nebraska			Hungary			203	135BG	.40
124	305D	1.10	159	100B	1.00	204	135BH	.40
N.H.			Iran			205	135BI	.40
125	700A	1.25	160	750J	.60	206	135BJ	.40
N.M.			New Zealand			207	135BK	.40
126	40C	.75	161	240A	.50	208	135BL	1.75
N.Y.			Northern Ireland			209	135BM	.75
127	631F	2.05	162	160DQ	W D	210	159ZA	.65
128	631L	N B	Scotland			211	170AE	.70
129	875D	2.10	163	420K	4.80	212	170CA	.35
No. Carolina			164	420L	4.80	213	170CB	.30
130	630A	N B	Sweden			214	170CC	.30
N.D.			165	220BF	.40	215	170CD	.30
131	60D	1.00	166	220BG	.40	216	230BE	.25
132	320E	N B	167	220BH	.40	217	230BF	.25
Ohio			168	220BI	.35	218	235AL	.55
133	175AA	.50	Turkey			219	235AK	.35
Penna.			169	400RA	N B	220	240I	.70
134	125B	1.80	South Africa			221	240J	.65
135	950G	1.60	170	160C	.60	222	240K	1.25
S.C.			171	160D	.60	223	240S	.50
136	500A	1.51	172	160E	.60	224	240U	1.05
Va.			173	160AB	.60	225	240V	1.05
137	190A	1.15	174	160AC	.60	226	242AA	.60
CANADA			175	160AL	.60	227	315AA	.50
British Columbia			176	160AH	.60	228	315AB	.50
138	450B	2.20	177	160BK	.60	229	315AC	.50
Austria			178	160BL	.60	230	315AD	.30
139	840A	.60	179	160BM	.60	231	350AG	.40
Australia			180	160CA	.70	232	350AH	.40
140	480XB	.60	Wales			233	350AL	1.00
141	480XC	.60	181	30AA	.85	234	350AM	1.00
142	720XE	.50	182	30AB	.40	235	350AN	1.00
Brazil			183	30AC	.80	236	350AO	1.00
143	700A	.75	184	30AD	1.00	237	405DH	.85
Czechoslovakia			185	30AL	.40	238	445HA(a) N B	
144	600A	1.00	186	30AM	.40	239	445HA(b) N B	

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LOT	ITEM	REALIZED	LOT	ITEM	REALIZED
<b>ENGLAND</b>			<b>US Time Tabl</b>		
240	452AF	.30	287	F	2.50
241	452AG	.35	US Mfg Samp.		
242	510AA	.30	288	5N	1.00
243	510AB	.30	289	5 o	1.20
244	510AC	.30	290	5P	1.50
245	510AD	.30	291	5Q	1.55
246	510AE	.30	292	5R	1.55
247	530AA	.90	293	11A	.60
248	530AB	.90	MISC		
249	530AC	1.00	294		1.10
250	530AD	1.00	295		1.00
251	545AT	.25	296		2.00
252	545AV	.30	297		3.50
253	560BC	.30	298		1.00
254	560BR	.30	299		1.00
255	560BS	.30	300		1.05
256	590BL	.30	301		2.00
257	590BM	.35	302		2.00
258	685M	1.05	303		2.00
259	685CQ	.30	304		2.00
260	685CR	.35	Alabama		
261	685DD	.35	305	560I	5.10
262	685DE	.35	306	560M	N B
263	685DM	.35	307	560P	N B
264	685HA	3.20	308	560S	N B
265	705AB	2.30	Alaska		
266	705BA	.35	309	300H	1.55
267	715AW	.40	Arkansas		
268	715AX	.35	310	105C	1.20
269	800BI	.35	311	285A	3.25
270	800CF	.75	312	285B	2.00
271	800CG	.75	313	360A	W D
272	810BM	.35	314	360C	W D
273	812AA	.45	315	435F	20.60
274	812AB	.45	California		
275	865AL	.40	316	100A	12.75
276	865AP	.30	317	205A	2.15
277	875AK	.65	318	395C	5.00
<b>Parking Tokens</b>			319	395D	5.00
<b>California</b>			320	395E	4.00
278	3450AA	1.00	321	435B	1.00
279	3450AD	1.00	322	435B	1.00
280	3450AE	1.00	323	535A	13.25
<b>Illinois</b>			324	535B	12.75
281	3150E	N B	325	535C	11.25
<b>Iowa</b>			326	535D	12.25
282	3300E	N B	327	545B	2.00
<b>Md.</b>			328	575F	3.00
283	3520A(a)	N B	329	575G	2.75
<b>N.C.</b>			330	745L	4.35
284	3630A	N B	331	775H	1.25
<b>Wisconsin</b>			332	815C	4.00
285	3510N	N B	333	815E	1.07
286	3930A	N B	334	945I	2.10
			<b>Colorado</b>		
			335	140C	3.75
			336	260C	1.75
			337	260N	2.65
			338	260Q	6.10
			339	280A	32.50
			340	340A	1.40
			341	440D	1.70
			342	440F	1.85
			343	460A	3.00
			344	540D	2.55
			345	600A	2.25
			346	600A	2.75
			347	620A	1.50
			348	860C	5.20
			349	860D	5.00
			350	860E	N B
			<b>Connecticut</b>		
			351	290G	2.00
			352	345A	N B
			353	525A	7.00
			<b>Florida</b>		
			354	130A	24.60
			<b>Georgia</b>		
			355	50B	1.75
			<b>Hawaii</b>		
			356	240B	2.25
			357	330B	3.50
			<b>Idaho</b>		
			358	100M	1.65
			359	100o	1.75
			360	440B	2.25
			361	440D	1.75
			362	440J	2.10
			<b>Illinois</b>		
			363	10C	1.80
			364	100A	16.60
			365	130B	3.05
			366	130D	N B
			367	130D	.85
			368	150AE	1.05
			369	150AF	1.10
			370	210D	1.60
			371	370C	3.20
			372	430A	2.65
			373	455E	1.15
			374	495G	.50
			375	505A	2.05
			376	505B	2.65
			377	530A	1.10
			378	530C	1.50
			379	600D	2.55
			380	720E	1.15
			381	760A	4.10
			382	770A	2.10

A.V.A. CONVENTION ( 1975 )			AUCTION ( page 4 )		
LOT	ITEM	REALIZED	LOT	ITEM	REALIZED
Illinois			Kentucky		
383	795B	14.25	433	480E	1.40
384	795D	N B	434	480J	1.45
385	795E	12.00	435	480S	W D
386	795F	15.60	436	510AB	13.80
387	795G	23.75	437	510AH	3.15
388	998E	3.225	438	510AK	1.00
389	1000A	1.50	439	510AV	N B
390	1000B	1.50	440	510BK	N B
391	1000C	1.50	441	510BN	N B
Indiana			442	510BO	2.60
392	180A	9.25	443	510BP	3.40
393	460H	10.00	444	560E	1.85
394	460o	20.50	445	710B	1.40
395	460X	2.05	Louisiana		
396	610C	5.15	446	30A	7.60
397	660D	1.15	447	30B	3.50
398	890A	2.30	448	30D	2.40
399	890B	2.75	449	810F	8.05
400	890C	1.85	Maine		
401	930G	1.45	450	40A	2.10
402	980B	12.75	451	740A	5.35
403	980D	3.55	Massachusetts		
Iowa			452	115K	3.25
404	30A(a)	5.10	453	115Z	2.75
405	30D	1.10	454	115AA	2.35
406	150F	2.05	455	115AC	1.70
407	230B	12.00	456	115AC	2.85
408	300D	2.90	457	115AD	1.60
409	300G	6.25	458	115AD	2.80
410	850K	1.40	459	115AG	2.85
411	850P	2.55	460	210B	1.95
412	910A	3.65	461	505B	16.25
413	930C	3.00	462	550A	.50
414	930D	6.30	463	550D	4.25
Kansas			464	740A	.50
415	40B	3.55	465	960B	.35
416	40C(a)	3.10	Michigan		
417	40C(b)	6.10	466	360A	1.10
418	40E	5.50	467	360C	1.55
419	150B	2.00	468	375C	1.55
420	150C	1.75	469	525D	1.65
421	450E	1.15	470	525I	2.00
422	600C	3.75	471	525J	1.00
423	800A	2.10	472	530 H	1.45
424	820E	NB	473	539I	2.20
425	980A	1.85	474	560J	1.35
426	980B	N B	475	635B	6.65
Kentucky			476	775A	5.00
427	10J	1.05	477	845M	1.75
428	45B	3.05	Minnesota		
429	45C	2.05	478	30C	1.85
430	45C	1.70	479	290A	37.00
431	250B	1.40	480	520A	1.45
432	250C	N B	481	540AA	1.25
			Minnesota		
			482	760C	11.25
			483	760H	2.75
			Mississippi		
			484	320D	5.75
			485	900E	7.00
			Missouri		
			486	370D	1.20
			487	420B	4.75
			488	440B	1.25
			489	440Q	4.50
			490	440T	3.00
			491	910R	1.25
			492	950A	1.30
			493	997A	4.25
			494	997B	3.75
			495	997C	4.00
			496	997D	4.00
			497	997E	4.00
			498	997F	4.25
			Montana		
			499	80C	4.25
			500	480C	3.15
			Nebraska		
			501	440G	6.00
			502	580A	2.00
			503	700W	1.30
			504	800A	4.50
			N.H.		
			505	30A	11.25
			506	640J	1.60
			N.J.		
			507	115B	7.50
			508	555B	8.25
			N.M.		
			509	430C	3.30
			510	900A	14.85
			New York		
			511	25B	5.25
			512	235B	2.55
			513	360D	1.05
			514	410A	5.00
			515	615F	1.10
			516	628C	N B
			517	629I	1.70
			518	629J	1.70
			519	629K	1.90
			520	630U	2.60
			521	630W	1.15
			522	630Z	1.15
			523	630AA	1.20
			524	630AB	1.15
			525	630AC	1.15
			526	630AR	5.75
			527	631C	1.60

A.V.A. CONVENTION (1975) FLOOR AND MAIL BID AUCTION ( page 5)

LOT	ITEM	REALIZED	LOT	ITEM	REALIZED	LOT	ITEM	REALIZED
N.H.			Oregon			Texas		
528	640C	2.75	577	880C	1.60	627	565A	3.00
529	640H	1.60	578	970C	1.05	628	640C	2.60
New York			Penna.			629	750A	2.50
531	631S	1.75	579	15D	20.50	630	760A	1.10
532	695A	8.00	580	15L	1.80	Utah		
533	735A	3.00	581	15N	1.80	631	650A	2.80
534	735B	4.00	582	195L	1.60	Vermont		
535	785C	1.25	583	265A	1.30	632	50A	2.80
536	785D	2.75	584	320A	6.00	633	595A	4.00
No. Carolina			585	445C	14.10	634	595B	3.60
537	20A	1.60	586	495G	3.00	Virginia		
538	360D	1.00	587	495H	6.00	635	20C	2.75
539	545A	1.80	588	495G,H	7.25	636	600C	2.00
540	980E	2.20	589	515B	4.55	637	620A	9.50
N.D.			590	515B	4.00	638	620B	9.50
541	320G	2.05	591	555A	1.35	Washington		
Ohio			592	595B	2.10	639	10A	6.00
542	10A	6.00	593	650E	1.90	640	40K	2.60
543	10B	1.10	594	675D	N B	641	300F	2.50
544	95A	4.10	595	750Z	N B	642	600C	2.00
545	125D	.50	596	750AB	1.80	643	755A	13.25
546	125F	3.60	597	770C	2.70	644	960E	2.60
547	165S	1.10	598	930A	N B	645	970A	1.40
548	165U	1.00	599	950A	1.005	W. Va.		
549	175Z	1.60	600	950D	2.50	646	200A	1.10
550	230M	1.30	601	985C	6.50	647	290H	4.50
551	230R	1.55	602	985E	N B	648	830F	2.50
552	230U	1.35	S.C.			Wisconsin		
553	230V	8.75	603	240C	2.75	649	220A	2.60
554	440A	1.80	604	450A	3.10	650	220B	2.10
555	475D(43)	7.00	605	450B	3.20	651	510M	2.50
556	475D(51)	6.25	606	450C	3.90	652	920A	2.00
557	505A	1.10	607	450E	3.25	Wash. D.C.		
558	520E	1.70	608	500A	2.75	653	500D	2.25
559	745B	5.25	609	500C	2.50	654	500G	5.00
560	745C	6.60	Tenn.			Canada		
561	745D	2.20	610	75F	1.50	N.S.		
562	745E	3.25	611	75G	2.50	655	100L	1.20
563	750A	3.50	612	75K	1.40	656	200A	10.50
564	915A	2.70	613	345B	4.25	657 Ontario		
565	915B	2.60	614	375A	14.00	657	325A	5.00
566	915C	3.25	615	375B	13.00	658	325C	5.50
Okla.			616	375C	9.75	659	825A	8.50
567	330E	2.20	617	375D	9.00	Quebec		
568	590B	2.10	618	400A	4.50	660	345D	3.25
569	610B	4.50	619	415A	1.80	Maryland		
570	640G	NB	620	415D	1.20	661	60I	6.00
571	860L	2.50	621	430B	10.40	662	60AC	1.25
Oregon			622	600E	3.75	Parking		
572	20D	3.10	623	600o	2.60	Illinois		
573	20E	2.50	Texas			663	3150AY	2.10
574	160B	1.20	624	5A	3.25	664	3150CJ	31.60
575	160C	1.80	625	145A	1.50	END OF AUCTION		
576	800C	2.30	626	255M	2.50			

During the Los Angeles Convention, Joel Reznick appointed Past President Robert Ritterband as chairman of the AVA Tribute Fund, with a request for increased future activity in the program. A number of attending members seemed unaware of how the fund works, so an explanation seems in order.

The Tribute Fund was established at the 1971 Convention in Seattle, by a contribution to honor Life Member #1, Roland C. Atwood. Many other contributions have come in since, with the balance now totalling just under \$300. In this plan, AVA members who wish to honor another member, living or deceased, can make a small cash donation to the special account. This can be in addition to your sending of greeting cards or possibly sympathy letters, and can be made at any time in any amount.

Your remembrance should be sent directly to the new chairman, who forwards it to the Treasurer for banking. Only these two persons will ever know the actual amounts of the donations, with every amount being considered worthwhile. The chairman acknowledges each contribution promptly, with a printed folder mailed to your honoree or his family in case of death. Occasionally a list of donors and honorees will be shown in The Fare Box, but always without any dollar details.

Not a cent of these funds ever goes to any individual, nor are any expenses ever deducted for operating the plan. Instead the accumulated fund will one day be disbursed by order of the Executive Board, on some AVA educational endeavor still to be selected. Thus your honoree's name will long be perpetuated.

Because the latest convention resulted in a modest amount of income over expenses it is understood that the C.A.T.C. hosts plan a Tribute Fund contribution soon. Please remember to make your own small contributions as various occasions arise. Your generosity will assure warm feelings for everyone concerned.

Robert M. Ritterband      -      6576 Colgate Avenue      -      Los Angeles, CA 90048

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= MY THOUGHTS ON THE 1975 CONVENTION =

By Bob Kelley

After returning home from the recent convention in Los Angeles, which I enjoyed very much as usual, I thought I would write a few lines about it.

The tour and token of the Queen Mary was great. The auction, as usual, is one of the highlights. Our business meeting really moved. The banquet and movie were well attended. The Friday bourse was very active. What more needs to be said?

For us collectors who aren't near any token clubs, it gives us a chance to go through a lot of tokens to buy, sell, and trade. Of course we have to have our noses in boxes, plastic pages and lists most of the time. And this is very time-consuming, so we don't get as much time to get around and socialize as much as we would like to.

Now maybe with Joel's idea of the banquet and boat ride next year, we may be able to get to meet a lot more collectors than usual.

As for myself this past convention saw me buying more tokens than I usually do, and I'm sorry I never got a chance to meet as many collectors as usual. Three days just does not seem enough time as we would like, as I am sure there were still plenty of bargains in tokens I missed. And from what I heard, a lot of good tokens changed hands on the preceding Thursday night as well! I did add a couple dozen tokens to the collection, and picked up five along the way (no census), so with all this still fresh in mind I do plan on being at next year's convention at St. Louis, and hope to meet all of you there.

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*Al Zaika of Bellmawr, NJ, writes that he was in an auto accident around September 1, and "got pretty well battered up." He is home now, but still unable to do much. His mail has piled up, he says, but he promises to answer as soon as he is able to do so. He asks his correspondents to have patience and bear with him. We all wish a speedy recovery to Brother Zaika, who is one of our friendliest constituents.*

= SEPTEMBER NEW ISSUES REPORT =

By John G. Nicolosi

I'm just back from an enjoyable convention at Los Angeles. It was nice to meet so many of my mail correspondents, as well as others I had already known. Now back to mailing out tokens, most of which had not been received previously and which could not be sent till now.

The first sending. This was the Convention token, a beautiful item, and our thanks to Bob Ritterband and his committee for these. All of you should have received them by now, providing your account could pay for it.

The 2nd sending. This consists of NY 35 I J K; Ohio 770 A B; RI 700 K. This has also gone out and if your account could cover them you should have these by now. Our sincere thanks, again, to Tom Williamson for his time and patience in going through hundreds of tokens to pick out the best ones for us. We're lucky to get nice ones; you can imagine what this light plating will look like after a few months' of use. And our gratitude to Mr. Turgeon for supplying the Providence token.

The 3rd sending. These were the foreign tokens listed in the September Fare Box, again providing you had enough in your balance to cover them, and our usual thanks to Ken Smith for getting these for us.

The 4th sending. This is in the process of being sent out, and probably you will also have received it by now. So, if your account had enough to cover their cost, the following tokens are in the 4th sending: Cal 450 N; Minn 80 A; NY 695 F G H; Ill 551 A. Thanks to Tex Barnett for getting the Babbitt, MN, token for us. The Als' Bus Line tokens have been in use over 14 years, so the condition is not pristine, but be grateful we got them at all after so long a time. Note that this sending includes Cal 450 N, the Los Angeles Airport token. When this was discovered they sold at 25¢ but they're now a 30¢ fare. After several tries, Ken Smith was able to get us a supply. On the NY 695 G token, we only could get 100 of them so only Regular NIS members will get it for now, but we expect to get another 50 and these will be sent to our Associate members in due time.

Welcome this month to C.O. Evanson to Regular membership, and to Tom Matola to Associate standing.

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= THE TOKEN THAT ALMOST GOT AWAY =

As part of my first year internship for my Master's Degree in Social Work, I was assigned to the Department of Patient and Family Counseling at Little Company of Mary Hospital in Evergreen Park, IL. Before I even set foot on the grounds I looked in Duane's book to see if the hospital had ever issued a token. I found no listing, but I still had hope that there might be a token. During my first week I checked all the parking lots, or so I thought, and found that they all took cards instead of tokens. Well, I tried.

Then in May I was talking to one of my clients when she related a story of her daughter's being rushed to the emergency room. "I was so nervous, it's a good thing for that token." "Token?" I inquired. It turned out that the security guard stationed in the emergency room provides a token to people coming into the emergency room, to gain access into a small parking lot in the rear of the hospital. From the information I gathered, the tokens are rationed to the guards since so many have been "lost." I was only able to acquire two of them. The token is brass, 23mm, inscribed on obverse: LITTLE COMPANY / OF / MARY / HOSPITAL / EVERGREEN PARK, ILL. - and on reverse: COURTESY / PARKING

*Editor's Note: The above interesting article was sent in by a member with a covering letter, but the writer neglected to put his name directly on the sheet with the story. I put the story in my tray for use in the September issue, but as there's no name on it I can't give credit to the writer. Will do so as soon as the author lets me know. This points up the importance of always putting your name on everything you send in for publication. Sometimes I can remember, but often there's so much I just can't--especially this month.*

= SUPPLEMENT #8 TO FEISEL'S CATALOGUE OF PARKING TOKENS =  
by Duane H. Feisel

ARKANSAS

Little Rock 3480 (Reported by T. H. Robinson)  
ARKANSAS BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER (GATE)  
B Bz 25 Sd Parcoa Token (gate)(rev. E) [1967- ] \$0.25

ILLINOIS

Chicago 3150 (Reported by Gerald Johnson)  
COMMONWEALTH HOTEL PARKING TOKEN CHICAGO, ILL.  
CQ WM 29 Sd Deposit In Machine One To Enter One To  
Exit .25

Hines 3416 (Reported by Jerome Archer)  
VOLUNTARY SERVICE V.A. HINES, ILL. (GATE)  
B Bz 25 Sd Parcoa Token (gate)(rev. G) .25\*

KANSAS

Olathe 3730 (Reported by Jim Wright)  
NOT REDEEMABLE IN CASH 1973 CITY OF OLATHE,  
KANSAS (BUILDING)  
A B 22 Sd Downtown Retail Merchants Assn. Parking Token  
Good Only In Designated Meters [1973- ] .15

LOUISIANA

Shreveport 3810 (Reported by Gordon Wold)  
DR. T. E. STRAIN, SR. SHREVEPORT, LA.  
C B 22 Sd (same as obverse) .25\*

MASSACHUSETTS

Gardner -- See MSPT Group 3073

MICHIGAN

Ann Arbor 3035 (Reported by DHF via M&W)  
COOLMAN PARKING CO. ANN ARBOR, MICH. (GATE)  
A a WM 25 Sd Parcoa Token (gate)(rev. E) .50

MISSOURI

St. Louis 3910 (Reported by DHF)  
ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL (GATE)  
Q Bz 25 Sd Parcoa Token (gate)(rev. E) .25

NORTH CAROLINA

Hendersonville 3430 (Reported by DHF via M&W)  
MARGARET R. PARDEE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL  
B B 25 Sd Hendersonville, N.C. .25

OHIO

Akron 3010 (Reported by William Carr)  
AKRON GENERAL HOSPITAL (GATE)  
A Bz 25 Sd Parcoa Token (gate)(rev. C, H) .25\*

Ashtabula 3030 (Reported by Carr)  
THE PEOPLES SAVINGS & LOAN COMPANY  
B WM 25 Sd (blank) .50

OKLAHOMA

Stillwater 3810 (Reported by W. G. Garrison)  
 GOLDEN CIRCLE VALIDATED PARKING STILLWATER  
 OKLAHOMA (BLACK PRINTED LETTERS ON GOLD COLORED  
 SURFACE)  
 A A 16 Ch (blank) \$0.15

PENNSYLVANIA

Lansdale 3540 (Reported by Richard A. Moore)  
 BOROUGH OF LANSDALE (BLANK CENTER)  
 A B 22 Sd Parking 5¢ Token .15  
 BOROUGH OF LANSDALE (PROPELLER)  
 B B 23 Sd Parking 5¢ Token .15  
 Manheim 3593 (Reported by Garrison)  
 MANHEIM MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION PARK FREE  
 A B 22 Sd (rose) .15  
 New Holland 3700 (Reported by Garrison)  
 BOROUGH OF NEW HOLLAND, PA.  
 A B 22 Sd Parking Token .15  
 Sharon 3850 (Reported by Ralph Freiberg)  
 FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN ASSN.  
 B B 23 Sd East State St. Sharon .25

UTAH

Salt Lake City 3750 (Reported by John G. Nicolosi)  
 1971 GRANT AUTO PARKS INC.  
 D Pr 24 Sd 2 Hrs. Parking Shop Downtown SLC 1.00

WEST VIRGINIA

Weston 3860 (Reported by Richard P. Parker)  
 CITY OF WESTON, W. VA. PARKING TOKEN  
 A B 23 Sd Good Only In Parking Meters .15  
 Weirton 3830 (Reported by Charles McKee)  
 (OBVERSE AS A)  
 B B 23 Sd Good In All Parking Meters .15

WISCONSIN

Milwaukee 3510 (Reported by Robert Knobloch)  
 THE ASTOR  
 AZ B 23 Sd The Nantucket .25  
 THE / ASTOR  
 BA B 23 Sd (same as obverse) .25  
 [CHANGE LISTING OF 3510 A TO: THE ASTOR / ]

MSPT

Group 3052 (Reported by Carr)  
 PARCOA TOKEN (GATE) (REV. G)  
 C Bz 25 Sd (blank) .25  
 Group 3054 (Reported by John L. Knabenschuh)  
 (OBVERSE AS C)  
 E Bz 25 Sd (REVERSE AS C) .25



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MSPT (CONTINUED)

Group 3073 (Reported by DHF via M&W)  
SIMPLEX TIME RECORDER CO.

A	B	22	Sd	Gardner	Massachusetts	(logo)	\$0.25
B	B	25	Sd	"	"	( " )	.25

ADDITIONS & CORRECTIONS

KS 3450 A: on obverse, add word NATIONAL after HUTCHINSON

= PARKING TOKEN NOTES BY DUANE H. FEISEL =

The main function of my report for this issue is to clean up a number of older reports as well as to list some very recent listings to me. To save time and space, for those many issues where I have written, sent money for tokens, and have had no reply, I will not make any comment in these notes. Thus, if no comment is made, you can take your chances if you are inclined to try to obtain any of the tokens by writing.

For Olathe, Kansas, it took a long, long time, but I finally did receive a few tokens from the letter and money I had sent to the Chamber of Commerce. There was no information on token use.

From Dr. Strain in Shreveport, all I can get back for the money I sent are stock tokens. I can only assume that the specially imprinted tokens have all disappeared.

Coolman Parking Co. is a firm which supplies equipment to the parking industry, installs equipment, services it, etc. I was unable to obtain any of the tokens, but Coolman did indicate that they had used tokens since 1944! I have not been able to obtain any specifics on that.

In addition to sending me listing information for the Stillwater, Oklahoma, token, Mr. Garrison was able to purchase a supply of the tokens for PTNIS which I now have.

For a long time now Dick Moore has been trying to make arrangements to obtain a supply of the Lansdale tokens, but so far no luck. I did obtain a few pieces by writing to the Treasurer in Lansdale, but I was refused a supply for PTNIS subscribers.

Mr. Garrison was also able to purchase a supply of the New Holland, Pa., tokens for distribution through PTNIS.

In Weirton, W. Va. (I see that listing should have been ahead of Weston!), I did receive a reply to my inquiry all right, but the tokens I received were all A's.

In Weston, the replies I have had are that they do not use tokens there. Inquiries were sent to the Chamber of Commerce and to the City Treasurer.

And that takes care of things for this time. Next report I hope to be able to list tokens for which I have more information!

CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles 450 (Reported by 1975 Convention Committee)  
25th ANNUAL CONVENTION LOS ANGELES AUGUST 1975 (AVA SEAL)  
Q o Bz 32 Sd Good For One Round Trip Bus Ride to the Queen Mary  
Anchored in the Port of Long Beach, California (ship) \$2.50

ILLINOIS

Maywood 551 (Reported by Philip Mandel)  
VILLAGE OF MAYWOOD 1869 WE TRY - WE CARE (EMBLEM)  
A o WM 23 Sd Official Bicentennial Bus Token Save Energy Shop Local  
(\* 6/25/75) .25

MINNESOTA

Babbitt 80 (Reported by M&W and Tex Barnett)  
ALS' BUS LINE BABBITT, MINN. (BUS, type 3)  
A Bz 23 Bar Good For One Fare (bus) (\* 1961) .60

NEW YORK

Auburn 35 (Reported by Al Craig & Tom Williamson)  
I WM 16 S (same as NY 875 E, but electroplated blue) (\* 9/16/74) .25  
J WM 16 Sd " " NY 875 F, " " " " .25  
K WM 16 S-sc " " NY 875 H, " " " " .25  
[Centro of New York took over Auburn Transit in April, 1973, and later placed the former tokens of Syracuse into use and electroplated them blue. This Centro operates in several cities and decided for uniformity to color the Auburn tokens blue.]

Oswego 695 (Reported by Al Craig & Tom Williamson)  
F WM 16 S (same as NY 875 E, but electroplated pink) (\* 9/16/74) .25  
G WM 16 Sd " " NY 875 F, " " " " .25  
H WM 16 S-sc " " NY 875 H, " " " " .25  
[In September, 1974, Centro--for reasons of uniformity--placed pink-colored tokens into use in Oswego to distinguish them from those in Auburn and Syracuse.]

OHIO

St. Bernard 700 (Reported by Jack Smith & New Issues Service)  
THE CITY OF ST. BERNARD, OHIO DIAL-A-RIDE SYSTEM  
A B 25 Sd (same as obverse) (\* 9/3/74) [senior citizen token] .20  
B WM 25 Sd " " [adult token] .20

RHODE ISLAND

Providence 700 (Reported by Hector Turgeon)  
R.I.P.T.A. (ROADRUNNER)  
K B 16 Sd R.I.P.T.A. (roadrunner) (Pilgrim Hat mintmark) (\* 7/1/75) .20  
[Senior Citizen token]

WISCONSIN

Sparta 840 (Reported by William White & Gary Ascher)  
S.D. EDWARDS BUS LINE SPARTA, WIS.  
C o A Oc Sd Good For One Ride (24mm) ["BUS LINE" is curved on obverse] 7.50  
[On 840 B, "BUS LINE" is straight]

Our list begins with the AVA Convention Tour token, one of the most attractive we have had. Of these 500 were struck on bronze, plus one--and only one--in double thick sterling silver for the Fare Box Literary Award.

The Maywood, IL, token was placed into use June 25, 1975. At this time we don't have any idea of the significance of the village emblem on the token, but I was told there was also a large medical center in this village, and that the tokens are used on the Village Mini Bus which started June 25, 1975.

We learned about the Babbitt, MN, token from the Meyer & Wenthe records and put Tex Barnett to work on it. The records show that 2,000 of these tokens were struck in 1961 and so we imagine they went into use shortly after that. The line is still operating and makes 4 trips a day to the Consolidated Mining Company, 7 days a week. The round trip fare is 60¢ and I don't know if any tokens could be obtained for a one-way fare only. We were lucky that the line was still running. In spite of its having been in business 14 years, none of these tokens had ever shown up anywhere else. So this is one we might never have known about except for the Meyer & Wenthe records.

We have more of those plated tokens for New York State. Centro had taken over lines in Auburn, and so to differentiate from the tokens used by Centro in other cities the tokens were colored blue for use in Auburn. A school token had first been used, which had been electroplated blue in Oswego, but when the school fare was reduced in Oswego it was replaced by a pink token, and subsequently all tokens used in Oswego are those colored pink, and those used in Auburn are colored blue. The adult fare is 35¢ in Syracuse, but only 25¢ in Auburn and Oswego. I could take a whole page trying to explain all this, but please just go along with the fact that tokens were electroplated blue for Auburn, and pink for Oswego. It took me a couple hours to figure all of this out, and had Tom Williamson confused for a while, but once you understand it, it is simple. Tom Williamson got these tokens for us, but he may not have obtained enough for everyone, in one instance. We'll know for sure later on.

The fare in New York City is up to 50¢, but John Coffee, who was in NYC on August 31, learned they are not going to bring out their new 20mm tokens. They're continuing with the 23mm ones at the increased fare. However, an article in COIN WORLD says a number of new types will be used on bridges there. That we shall see in due time.

We mentioned last month that Jack Smith found some tokens in Cincinnati, among which was the brass Dial-a-ride token we are listing. In writing for these, John Nicolosi learned that there was also a white metal for adults, as well. St. Bernard is a community of one square mile, and most of the service there is by Queen City Metro of Cincinnati. Bob Kelley reports that the new tokens went into use September 3, 1974.

Hector Turgeon reported the new senior citizen token of Providence, which he was able to supply for our New Issues Service. Tokens are only good between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. with no transfer charge. Usually when we get a supply of senior tokens for our N.I.S. we have to pay the regular fare rate, but in this case Mr. Turgeon was able to get them for us at the senior citizen rate!

The Sparta token was reported some time back by William White, but we held up the listing till we had an actual rubbing. Gary Ascher sent us a rubbing. There is a photo of the token on page 606 of Atwood, and you will note that "Bus Line" appears as a straight line in the pictured token. The new token has it on a curved line, and in keeping with our usual practice in such cases, we give it a new listing. But please note that in such cases we must have a pencil rubbing of a token before we'll list it.

Everything in this month's Supplement, except the Sparta, WI, token of course, will be sent out by the New Issues Service. Before you get the October issue you may have received three different "sendings" if you are in the New Issues Service. Included may be Calif 450 N, listed in June 1974, which Ken Smith obtained for us. Everything seems to be coming out at once. These sendings will easily exhaust the deposits of those who have less than \$5 in their new issue accounts, but please make sure your balance is in the red, as Nicolosi needs a lot of capital to purchase quantities of all the new tokens coming out.

We have several more tokens coming along soon.

Token and medal collectors living in the eastern section of the country will have the opportunity for attending a show devoted primarily to exnumia material when the second annual JAMBOREE EAST 1975 will be held at the Holiday Inn-Airport, Pittsburgh/Coraopolis, Pennsylvania, on October 17-19.

Many bourse dealers specializing in tokens and medals will be offering their wares, and transportation tokens will be prominent in what is available as several specialists in vectures will be there. In addition, the auction offering contains a number of lots of better quality transportation tokens including several census tokens; auction catalogues are available from H. Joseph Levine, Presidential Coin & Antique Co., Inc., 6222 Little River Turnpike, Alexandria, VA 22312. The auction is scheduled for 7 PM on Friday evening, October 17.

One of the special features of the Jamboree is the banquet which takes place on Saturday evening preceded by a cocktail hour. The banquet is strictly informal with no program, other than the awarding of door prizes. Banquet tickets, including one drink, are priced at \$10.00.

Daily admission to the Jamboree is \$1.00, but each paid admission receives a token good for \$1.00 in trade when spent with any of the bourse dealers present. Complete registration for the Jamboree is priced at \$15.00 and includes a special badge, admission to all events, three of the \$1 tokens, a banquet ticket and a drink ticket.

The bourse roster had not been filled when this was written, so space may still be available if you are interested in setting up. Dealers will begin set-up on Thursday evening, but the bourse will not be open to the public until Friday morning. The hours are from 10 AM to 6 PM on Friday and Saturday, and from 10 AM to 5 PM on Sunday.

Exnumia displays are being sought. The exhibits are non-competitive, and each exhibitor will receive a special silver medal as an award. Please inquire for an exhibit application.

The Holiday Inn-Airport is a relatively new facility offering quality accomodations and excellent food. Special room rates are provided when reservations are requested on a special card which is available.

For further information on any aspect of the Jamboree, for collector registration forms, for bourse table applications, for exhibitors applications, for reservation cards, please contact Duane H. Feisel, P. O. Box 1302, Los Altos, CA 94022; telephone 415-941-2690.

This will be the event for exnomists in the east. Join your friends in making this a real Jamboree!

ENGLAND (Reported by Donald Capper)

## Chipping Norton 178

## WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

AK	C	31	Sd	Concessionary Fare 6P (yellow)	\$0.60
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## Grimsby 350

## GRIMSBY-CLEETHORPES TRANSPORT J.S.C.S.

APo	C	26	Sd	Grimsby Immingham Return (yellow)	.60
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AQo	C	0c	Sd	" (pink)(25mm)	.60
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## GRIMSBY-CLEETHORPES TRANSPORT

BC	C	21	Sd	2p (red)	.20
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BH	C	25	Sd	5p (light blue)	.50
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BK	C	25	Sd	7p (gold)	.60
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## Manchester 500

## NATIONAL TRANSPORT TOKEN (LARGE 5 IN CENTER)

CL	A	27	Ch	(same as obverse)(good for a 5p ride)	.50
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## Southampton 705

## HAMPSHIRE TRANSPORT TOKEN SCHEME AA (INSIGNIA)

CH	C	25	Sd	5p (blue)	.50
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(Nicolosi's New Issues Service will distribute the above British tokens with the exception of 350 AP and AQ.)

GERMANY

In the June, 1975, Supplement, change Germany 105 D to 105 F.

## Kaub 458 (Reported by G. Fritz)(City is on the Rhine River)

## LOTSEN DIENST KAUB (28mm)

FAo	B	Sq	Sd	(Castle Pfalzgrafenstein)	1.00
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FBo	A	Sq	Sd	"	1.00
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FCo	A	Sq	Sd	" (copper-plated)	1.00
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FDo	A	28	Sd	"	1.00
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(Special pilots were used to escort boats through the tricky gorge in the Rhine at Kaub and these pilots used these discount tokens for return trips when not on duty. These pilot tokens sold at 10 for 18 Marks; otherwise the fare was 2.5 Marks for the pilot.)

## Frankfurt on Oder 335 (Reported by G. Fritz)

## ELEKTRISCHE STRASSENBAHN FRANKFURT A/O.

I o A	24	Sd	Fahrmarke	1.00
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Remember, please, when you report new discoveries, in addition to giving the exact wording, spelling, and punctuation, to send RUBBINGS or PHOTOGRAPHS. This is essential to insure accurate listings. Please keep the listings coming.

PARKING TOKENS WANTED: NY 3055 B, 3360 C, 3620 A, 3629 Ab C E, 3630 YA, 3640 B, 3735 C, 3780 Aa B C D E, 3790 A, 3890 Aa Ab. Send your want-list for mine.

Marvin E. Simon - 10 Gallup St. - Westerly, RI 02891

IF ANY A.V.A. members have spares in canceled postage stamps and wish to make a donation to a disabled veteran, please send to my friend Charles G. Bickford - 60 Cross St. - Southbridge, MA 01550. Thanks! - Pete Rosmerski

COSTA RICA 760 E for your 15 diff. U.S. TT's. Please write first as I only have 4 trades. = Dan Rusnak - Box 327 - Sparks, NV 89431

FOR BEST TRADE IN U.S. TT: Savage Drug Co / Harshorne / Ind. Terr. / Good For / 5¢ / In Trade / brass 21mm. The Elk / (Elk) / Evanston, Wyoming / Wyoming / Good For / 25¢ / In Trade / brass 24mm. For trade for U.S. TT equal cat. value: Wis 1000 A. Philip Mandel - 131 S. Harvey Ave. - Oak Park, IL 60302

WILL EXCHANGE MY PERSONAL TRADE CHECK, souvenir of the August AVA Convention, for yours. = John M. Barnes - P.O. Box 5152 - Sherman Oaks, CA 91413

FOR SALE: TT's 50 diff. \$7.50. Red OPA 29 diff. \$6.25; 28 diff. \$4.25; 50 mixed \$3.25; blue OPA 15 diff. \$3.25. Postpaid. Buying Illinois provisional sales tax tokens. = George Van Trump - Box 656, Edgemont Br. - Golden, CO 80401

TRADER'S STOCK--over 1400 TT's with 25 states and 121 diff. cities, mostly common but with some good ones. Best offer over \$85 or a reasonable trade offer.

Bill Davis - P.O. Box 202 - Littleton, CO 80120

FOR SALE: PRICE'S INCLINED RAILWAY tokens, Ohio 165 G or H, \$7.50 each or both for \$14.00 prepaid insured. Supply limited.

G. Lipscomb - 5010 Winton Road - Fairfield, OH 45014

FOR SALE PLUS SUFFICIENT POSTAGE: CA 450 N 45¢, 615 C 25¢, 962 A 40¢; CT 210 C 45¢; IL 270 E 40¢, 535 B 40¢, 551 A 40¢; MN 80 A 75¢; NH 615 A 40¢; NY 35 I J K 40¢ ea, 695 F H 40¢ ea; 760 D 40¢, 875 Z 50¢, 980 B 50¢; OH 770 A B 35¢ ea; 985 A 35¢; PA 875 B 65¢, 985 J 45¢, K 35¢; RI 700 K 35¢; TN 20 D \$1.15, E 80¢; TX 320 G 25¢; WI 700 I 45¢; 1000's for sale, see April Fare Box page 54. Foreign list available for SAE.

John G. Nicolosi - 3002 Galindo Street - Oakland, CA 94601

TRADES WANTED: Send 10 diff. transp. tokens plus 20¢ SAE, receive my 10 diff. in return. Taxi tokens also needed. = G.E. Cole - 177 Tompkins St. - Pittston, PA 18640

WILL TRADE 30 diff. TT's for \$1.50 face value U.S. or Canadian pre-64 silver coins.

Bud Nelson - Box 4371 - Rockford, IL 61110

FOR TRADE OR WILL SELL TO THE HIGHEST BID: Ind 460 AB; Ohio 505 A, 860 A; Pa 135 B; Utah 750 P Q R; Wash 880 O. = Robert Kelley = 6315 Parkview Cir. = Mason, OH 45040

WANTED: Pa. only Dog License Tags, Not more than one or two of same county. TRADE TT of my choice, one for one. = G.W. Diehl - P.O. Box 6 - Fort Loudon, PA 17224

CAR WASH TOKENS for sale: CA 207 A - \$4; TX 925 A - \$1; B - 50¢; 950 A - \$2.00.

Stephen Album - P.O. Box 4039 - Berkeley, CA 94704

FOUR \$10 CAT. CENSUS (less than 3 known) and others recently added to my inventory. New revised list available for SASE. Price reductions on most tokens, to over 50¢ off. Many choice tokens, \$1 to \$10 catalogue. Write today.

Rich Hartzog - P.O. Box 4143LE - Rockford, IL 61110

WANTED: Real, Fantasy, Reprint, Replica, U.S. or foreign paper money that has been printed on, or overprinted for use as advertising. I have up to 5 diff. to trade on a 1 for 1 basis. SAE please under 5 trades.

J.W. Baum - 3113 N. Arkansas Ave. - Wichita, KS 67204

FOR SALE AT 60¢ EACH: Minnesota token from Babbitt, listed this month. Please note that the New Issues Service will handle this token. Send SAE please.

Floyd O. Barnett - 5425 Portland Ave. - Minneapolis, MN 55417

450 DIFF. TT's each housed in 2x2 envelopes or holders and catalogued, for only \$135 plus \$1.50 towards postage & insurance, to any U.S. address. If you haven't yet sent for my latest fixed price list, a SASE will bring you a copy by return mail.

Paul Targonsky - 23 Harrison St. - Meriden, CT 06450

CONVENTION TOKENS: Even if you couldn't get to Los Angeles last month or don't belong to New Issues, you can still have the handsome new souvenir token for your collection. Price \$2.75 postpaid. Orders for two or more will be mailed insured first class at no extra cost. Send remittance to:

Elaine Willahan, CATC Secy. - 516 W. 99th Street - Los Angeles, CA 90044

TRADE 10 DIFF. AUSTIN, TEXAS, TT's (complete set except 50 A & C) for 10 diff. of your TT's. Also, trade full set of 5 Texas merchant tokens for 5 diff. of your MT's.  
 Bill Fowler - 2402 Pickwick Lane - Austin, TX 78746

FOR TRADE: Cal 760 I; Col 600 C, 300 G; Haw 240 E; PR 600 D; Mont 500 A; Mich 735 E; Mo 441 A; Wash 780 W, 1000 A. TRADE FOR, OR BUY: Cal 450 N; Fla 540 D; Ga 630 D; Mass 430 A; Mich 525 N, 560 R; NY 235 C, 905 I; NJ 20 I; NC 450 F; Tex 320 F; Pa 630 C; AVA 10th Anniversary token.

Frank W. Guernsey - 12546 N.E. Knott - Portland, OR 97230

CITY OF WHEATLAND (CALIFORNIA) brass dog licenses, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 4 diff. for \$1 prepaid. or will trade for your 14 diff. TT's.  
 Bill Williges - Box 445 - Wheatland, CA 95692

FOR SALE: Have 2 extremely nice Pa 725 H at \$10 each. WANT Pa 760 A and 970 A.  
 R. Grant Carner - R.D. 2, Box 112 - Oil City, PA 16301

I HAVE A TRADE of over 400 merchant and transp. tokens and I need Tex 5 Ab, 145 K, 340 F G H, 805 Bb. If you have any of these maybe we can trade.  
 Charles Berger - 222 Terlingua - Portland, TX 78374

TRADE OR SALE: Ala 560 I, 570 E; Alas 190 A; Ark 975 A; Cal 760 J K, 785 A, 805 B; DC 500 AB AI; Fla 530 H, 620 A B; Ohio 750 A. What have you to offer?  
 J.H. Roy - 10201 Christophe Colomb - Montreal, Quebec H2C 2T8

KEEP THOSE OLDER PERSONALS COMING. Have 75 more to trade +SAE.  
 Sol Halpern - 1032 N. Screenland - Burbank, CA 91505

TRADE: Cal 3450 AK, 3500 A, 3705 B; NJ 3060 A; SC 3100 A; Wash 3780 B; MSPT 3067 B; Wash 840 D E; NY 631 S. If no trade, to highest bid + postage. My shoice sell 10 TT's for \$1 +SAE. = J. Studebaker - 2614 Legare St. - Beaufort, SC 29902

HAVE MISTRIKES of Wisc 220 C and 300 B. Will trade for any TT's I need. Have several sets of Kans 540 C D E F at \$2, Ohio 10 A for \$5, and set of Pa 525 A thru L for \$5. Would like to exchange trade lists.  
 Bill Garrison - 9505 Normandy - Morton Grove, IL 60053

COLORADO WANTED: 20 A B, 40 A B C, 60 D, 300 A, 380 A, 440 B, 540 A B, 760 A C I M, 860 A B, 998 A B C, 999 A B C D.  
 R.B. Seger - 6054 S. Marshall Drive - Littleton, CO 80123

WILL TRADE MY NY 945 F for any one of the following 15¢ TT's: Cal 835 I, 845 E; Col 260 M; Fla 880 E F; Ia 997 B; Ky 510 BD BG BI BJ; Minn 110 B, 680 D; Mo 997 H I; Neb 305 A B; Okla 770 B; Ore 700 J K; Pa 146 A B C.  
 Pedro C. Rosario - 220 St. J.A. 18 Country Club - Rio Piedras, PR 00924

TO HIGHEST BIDDER: Ida 100 D M O, 180 A, 380 B, 440 A B D E F G H I J, 640 A B.  
 J. Douglas Ferguson - Box 38 - Rock Island, Quebec JOB 2K0

MY LATEST PERSONAL TOKEN, 14-E, is yours free for a stamped envelope. Also have a few 14-A left, also free. If you want both, please put 19¢ on the envelope, though. I don't have any left of 14 B,C,D, so no use asking for them.  
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 American Vecturist Assn. - P.O. Box 1204 - Boston, MA 02104

All auctions in this issue close October 20. Advertisements in THE FARE BOX are free to members of AVA. Simply write your ad on a separate sheet, or a 7¢ postcard, with your name & address, and send it to the Editor. Limit 6 lines; send only one at a time; make it different each insertion; don't auction tokens listed under 25¢.

FOR SALE: Ark 720 C; La 490 A; Okla 320 B; Tenn 375 E, 35¢ each or 3 for \$1 +SAE.  
Also list of approx. 2000 TT's for sale or will consider trades for good merchant  
tokens. = T.H. Robinson - Box 8405 - Pine Bluff, AR 71601

= APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP =

- 1562 LLOYD C. WALKER - 1202 SMITH - LAWTON, OKLAHOMA 73501  
Age 55; Retired. Collects U.S. (Joseph)  
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Age 57; Surveyor. Collects U.S. (Coffee)  
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Age 19, Supervisor. Collects U.S., Canada, Parking. (Coffee)  
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Age 48; Revenue Officer. Collects U.S., Canada. (Coffee)  
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Age 26; Tow Truck Driver. Collects U.S. (Coffee)  
1568 F.W. LUNAN - 2812 BEACH BLVD. SOUTH - GULFPORT, FLORIDA 33707  
Legal age. Collects U.S., Canada. (Ritterband)  
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Age 29; Chemical Engineer. Collects U.S., Parking. (Symes)  
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Age 62; Retired Teacher. Collects all types. (Joseph)  
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Age 34; Bookkeeper. Collects U.S. (Cunningham)  
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Some members may not be familiar with new postal rates which went into effect this month. First class remains at 10¢ for the first ounce, but it is now only 9¢ for each additional ounce! Postcards are now only 7¢ instead of 8¢, and these rates will hold at least till after Christmas. It saves us a few dollars on mailing costs for THE FARE BOX. So use a postcard to mail in your ad and save 3¢.



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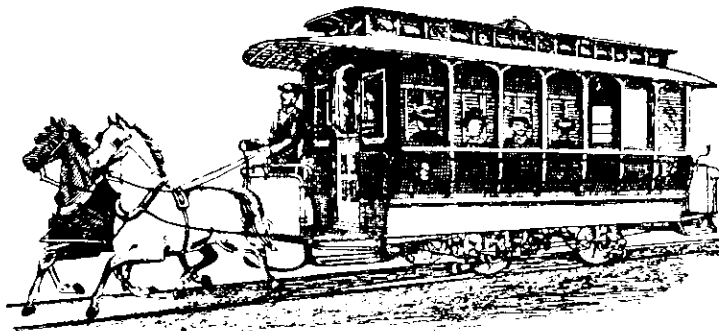
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EDWARD M. CUTLER

*The Editor reports with sadness the death of Eddie Cutler, AVA #L-215, of Redondo Beach, California. Eddie was a veteran member, and until recent years he was a regular fixture at our annual conventions. He had a quiet sense of humor, and was always good company. An avid stamp collector as well as vecturist, I remember that he always wanted commemorative stamps on his copies of The Fare Box, a request which I regularly honored over the years. All of us who knew him, but especially the Southern California members, share in the loss of a good friend and loyal member. He died on September 16 of this year.*

October 29. This issue contains 20 pages, of which six are devoted to an excellent Index of all tokens reported in Catalogue Supplements since the Atwood Catalogue was completed. This was prepared by Bob and Anna Butler, who prepared it in such a way that members may cut out the pages, size 6x9, and insert them in their Atwood Catalogues. I hope that I'll be able to print it the way they intended, but mimeographing is a very inexact method of reproduction, so forgive me if the front and back sides don't mesh perfectly. Now I know some of you don't like to remove pages from issues of THE FARE BOX, preferring to maintain your issues intact. For you I shall run off 25 extra copies, and will be happy to mail you an extra copy of the new Butler Index for 25¢ plus a long addressed envelope with a 10¢ stamp on it.

I have quite a number of good articles still to be published, but at the moment a 20-page issue is all I can handle so we shall hold these other articles over for the November issue, and perhaps I shall be able to get it out in only two or three weeks.

Last month we reported that SEPTA of Philadelphia was considering ordering special commemorative tokens for the Bicentennial. Well they have definitely ordered a million of them, to be put into use shortly after the beginning of 1976. This is good news, and we shall definitely obtain a supply for our members.

Some time back we also reported that the Sta-Krisp Potato Chip Company of Wichita, KS, was putting big blue plastic tokens in their bags of potato chips. The tokens are good for rides at a local amusement park. They say right on them, the latest ones, that they are good for free ride at this park. So I wrote the company, and they have agreed to sell us a quantity of them at a nominal price. So these interesting big plastic tokens will be available to N.I.S. members and anyone else who wishes to buy one.



= GREETINGS FROM CHICAGO =

First, thanks to everyone for my elevation to the office of President. I will do everything possible to make the AVA an interesting and interested organization for transportation token collectors.

Next, the better to serve you, I need to hear from you. Please address any problem, suggestion, criticism, (praise?) to me and, I guarantee, every situation will be given careful consideration.

Finally, to promote better relative value of the tokens in our hobby, I urge each of you to report, ACCURATELY, the finding, purchase, possession or acquisition of any census piece to your collection, or the sale or trading off of any census token from your collection. This information should be sent to Harold Ford (6641 Saroni Drive - Oakland, CA 94611), who has done, and continues to do, a magnificent job as "Keeper of the Census." This will enable us to assign proper valuation to our rarer pieces.

Good hunting!

- Joel J. Reznick  
President, A.V.A.

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= OCTOBER NEW ISSUES SERVICE REPORT =  
By John G. Nicolosi

After two hectic months--August and September--with four sendings to N.I.S. members, we continue again this month with five more tokens coming your way (providing we get them). As of now I have two of them, and in the case of the other three the companies have my checks. So this month we may have to delay sending out the tokens a bit, until we get them. As soon as I have them I shall swiftly put them into the mail to you, if you have enough in your balance to cover their cost. I seem to keep harping on that, but with all these new issues coming out I am running short of the capital to pay for them. So...if after these repeated pleas you still don't send in a check to get your balance up there, you will be dropped from the N.I.S. to make way for a more eager AVA member on the waiting list.

The five tokens I shall send out (as soon as I have them) are: BC 825 A from Canada, a really attractive plastic. Ohio 565 A (we're grateful to Gay Lipscomb for getting us a supply), and we have plenty of them; you may buy all you want at catalog value--yes, all you want. Mo 440 W, again Joel Reznick was very helpful on this one and without him we'd never have obtained them. Matter of fact this one isn't here yet but expect it any day. Finally, Wis 360 P and Q -- which also have not arrived and we just learned the company couldn't figure out why anybody would want so many of their tokens even though they had previously agreed to sell them. We shall get them, but it may take a vote of the City Council (or the Israeli Knesset, for all I know). Our thanks to Mr. Erickson for assistance on this one. He has helped us so often in the past as well.

So we are still sitting here waiting for the three tokens to arrive, and soon as they do they will go out to all NIS members, both regular and associate.

By the way I forgot to mention last month that the date 1869 on the ILL 551 A token was the date of the founding of the village of Maywood, which calls itself the "Village of Eternal Light." Motto of the community is "We Try...We Care." The three people pictured on the token are meant to represent Equality and Understanding, for Maywood takes pride in being an integrated community. Sounds like a nice place.

Welcome this month to a new Associate NIS member, Nick Plencner, proprietor of Nick's Red Owl.

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Dave Jordan sends a clipping from the New York Times Magazine in which there is an ad for a "solid sterling silver exact replica of the original 15¢ token" used in New York. It comes with a silver chain and you may get it for only \$9.95 postpaid. This would be NY 630 A0, and now we expect someone to ask why his silver token isn't listed. The ad also says, "Protest the new increase!" They haven't seen anything yet. Wait till next year when it goes up to a dollar.

= THE DAY THAT PA 750 AE WAS USED =  
By Frederick A. Kramer

At the close of World War II most transit companies could hardly wait to scrap the trolley cars and rail facilities that had been physically exhausted by wartime service. In general the industry hailed the low-investment and quick face-lifting that a conversion to buses provided. Philadelphia Transportation Company was an exception to the trend, largely because of a well-maintained physical plant, the narrow streets and short blocks characteristic of the city, and a belief in the principle of balanced modes of transportation.

Accordingly, PTC ordered 100 all-electric PCC cars from St. Louis Car Company during July, 1944. Delivery finally materialized in the spring of 1947, thus setting the stage for a festive upgrading of Route 23. This was one of the most important of lines involving nearly eleven miles of street running from 10th & Oregon in South Philadelphia to Bethlehem Pike in the northwest corner of Germantown. No one would lament replacement of the ancient Nearsides cars with their wooden seats, bare bulbs, and grinding ride.

Sunday, May 11, 1947, was selected to inaugurate regular PCC service. As this was a signal occasion, PTC planned a luncheon and pre-inaugural inspection trip hosted by their officials for the benefit of businessmen and civic leaders of the communities along Route 23. They also graciously invited the officers of the now-defunct Quaker Division of the Electric Railroaders Association. As Acting Secretary, I was included on the PTC president's invitation list.

Those were high school days and as the event was held on the Thursday before PCC service started, it was necessary to play hookey. We assembled in a banquet room at the Ben Franklin Hotel at noon. I was disappointed by the food, but thoroughly pleased by the speechmaking, which is probably the reverse of what the businessmen thought. At length we got our topcoats and stepped outside, beautifully coordinated with the arrival of photographers and a pair of PCC's. The railfans knowingly picked the car that would head toward South Philadelphia because it would deadhead far back north to the car barn, thereby maximizing the length of our ride.

Shortly after the car started, the Pa 750 AE tokens were handed out--very carefully. Unable to promote "spares," we fans tried to cajole the businessmen into surrendering their gifts. It made for a pleasant ride but to no avail: perhaps they had not enjoyed the lunch all that much either, and wanted to salvage something tangible.

A trophy of such magnitude required prominent display and that was done by wearing it on my keychain. Within six weeks the brass was tarnished and generally looking as though it were just a flashing over a base metal. Contrary to the advice of my fellow token collectors, my parents, and my jeweler, I had my Pa 750 AE gold-plated. I've certainly been happy with it ever since, but let the record show that there really wasn't an "X" variety struck for me.

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= DELAWARE VALLEY MEETING =  
By Leonard H. Paul

The Delaware Valley Vecturist Association met on Sunday, September 14 at Joe Pernicano's office in Fort Washington, Pa. Dan DiMichael and Paul Biery brought along their "show and brag" items. Dan showed 15 of his census and near-census Pennsylvania Turnpike tokens and Paul his scarce ferry and other Pennsylvania items plus a few census items from other states he would trade for equally scarce Pennsy tokens.

Attending were Joe Pernicano (he has the door key), Dan DiMichael, Paul Biery, Hank Bergey, Henry DeGregorio and Len Paul. Dave Jordan couldn't come but he called via Ma Bell and talked with some of the bunch.

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, November 8, in New York City with the NEVA at the New York Sheraton Hotel - 7th Avenue at 56th Street, as guests of the Grand Central Coin Convention.

= THE MELBOURNE-BRIGHTON BUS LINES PTY. LTD. TOKEN OF VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA =  
By Les Hawthorne

This token is listed in Smith's Foreign Catalogue on page 212 under Australia as Melbourne 500 B. Actually the head office of the firm, and its shops, are situated in Elwood, a municipality of Melbourne which lies near the two towns of St. Kilda and Brighton, two beach towns on the outskirts of Melbourne which these buses serve.

The token was issued as a free complimentary ride on the buses during an advertising campaign, to woo the residents in the two aforementioned beach towns away from the Victorian Railways trains which serve that area. Two tokens were attached to an advertising brochure and mailed out to the residents of these two beach towns. This brochure described the convenience and other merits of the bus line and invited the public to a free bus ride anywhere along a section, or the whole bus route into Melbourne. The free ride invitation was open from October 4 to 12, 1962, and after the latter date the tokens were invalid. Thus these tokens were used for a very short period: nine days, to be exact.

Incidentally the tokens are made of white metal, gold-plated, and not brass, gold-plated as indicated in the catalogue. The tokens are die cast, of post metal.

= NEW FINDS =

Gordon Wold writes that he picked up Wis 980 E this past summer in trade for a 1924-D cent.

I don't get too many reports of new finds these days, but there are good tokens being picked up here and there, and if you have acquired a census token recently let us know.

Not a transportation token, but an unusual item was reported to me by John Wilcox. Apparently issued by a group opposed to school bussing for racial balance, the token is brass, 22mm, inscribed "FORCED BUSING I UNFAIR TOKEN" on obverse, and "MUCH MONEY WILL BE MADE BY FEW 1972" on reverse. I mention the token here only because of the play on the word "fare" being changed to "unfair" on this token.

Your Editor also recently acquired an interesting real estate item which also is indirectly involved with transportation:

PRESENT THIS TO W.P. WHITSETT 319 SOUTH HILL STREET PHONES  
BROADWAY 3525 HOME F 2369 AND SECURE ABSOLUTELY FREE TRIP BY  
AUTOMOBILE TO VAN NUYS AND RETURN SEE LOS ANGELES' NEWEST  
SUBURB, BUILT BY H.J. WHITLEY, THE FOUNDER OF HOLLYWOOD.

Fw 58 Pc The New Town Teeming With Opportunities in the Famous San  
Fernando Valley Van Nuys Lots Acreage Beautiful Suburban  
Homes Unsurpassed Scenery Excellent Transportation Fine  
Business Openings Liberal Building Discounts Terms See  
Van Nuys - Lankershim 47,000 Acre Tract. See Sherman Way,  
the \$500,000 Boulevard. (metal rim)

I suppose we could call it a "Miscellaneous" type transportation token, but obviously it was just a gimmick, a come-on, so I'll list it in the real estate catalogue. We won't put it in Atwood at all. We already have too much "miscellaneous" stuff in the Atwood. I would like to learn more about when the above token was used.

Not quite a new find, but the collection of the late Bob McKee has been purchased by Paul Cunningham. I checked through Bob's Atwood Catalogue. He was very precise, but there was one error made by Bob which I mention here because some of you may have made the same mistake. Bob thought he owned the extremely rare Pa 15 B, listed at \$10. As a matter of fact, the token in his collection was the much more common Pa 15 C, listed at \$2.50. Note that both B and C are impregnated with mica--there's a ditto mark there. The Pa 15 C is brownish with specks of mica through the token. Someone found a couple dozen or more of these about 20 years ago. The Pa 15 B is jet black--no brown at all in the token--with specks of mica in it. As far as I know, the only example of Pa 15 B is in the Harold Ford collection, ex-Atwood.

G E R M A N Y (Reported by G. Fritz)Brandenburg 140

		STADT. STRASSENBAHN BRANDENBURG A. HAVEL 10	
B o B	20 Sd	Staatsbahn Hof-Kasernen	\$1.00
C o B	20 Ch	"	1.00
		STRASSENBAHN DER STADT BRANDENBURG H (STREETCAR)	
D o Z	24 Sd	Dienst-Marke	1.00

Dessau 265

		UMSTEIGE MARKE DESSAUER STRASSENBAHN	
F o Z	Tr Sd	Gültig nur bei Direktem Umsteigen Missbrauch Strafbare (brass-plated)(28x35mm)	1.00
		UMSTEIGEMARKE DESSAUER STRASSENBAHN	
G o Z	Ov Sd	Gültig nur bei Direktem Umsteigen Missbrauch Strafbare (30x17mm)	1.00
H o B	Sq Sd	" (23mm)	1.00
I o Z	Sq Sd	" (23mm)	1.00
J o B	Hx Sd	" (22mm)	1.00
K o Z	Hx Sd	" (22mm)	1.00
L o Z	Hx Sd	" (brass-plated)(22mm)	1.00

Dresden 290

		DRESDNER OMNIBUS VEREIN 20 pf.	
P o B	23 Sd	(blank)(ex 290 YC)	2.50
		ELBÜBERFAHRT LAUBEGAST	
Q o B	0c Sd	(blank)(22mm)	1.00

Eisenach 305

		STRASSENBAHN EISENACH (STREETCAR)	
E o WM	19 Pc	(same as obverse)	1.00

Gera 340

		GERAER STRASSENBAHN ACTIEN-GESELLSCHAFT (STREETCAR)	
I o A	0c Sd	Gut Für 15 Pfennig (19mm)(II on obverse)	1.00

Görlitz 350

		ELEKTRISCHE STRASSENBAHN GÖRLITZ (STREETCAR)	
H o A	19 Sd	Fahrmarke Für Kinder	1.00

Graudenz 358

		STÄDTISCHE STRASSENBAHN GRAUDENZ 5	
A o A	0c Sd	(same as obverse)(20mm)(ex 358 YA)	1.00
		STÄDTISCHE STRASSENBAHN GRAUDENZ 10	
B o B	0c Sd	(same as obverse)(19mm)	1.00

Halberstadt 375

		STRASSENBAHN HALBERSTADT	
P o Rt	Sd	Dienst-Marke (ends curved outwards)(24x13mm)	1.00

*Remember, please, when you report new discoveries, in addition to giving the exact wording, spelling, and punctuation, to send RUBBINGS or PHOTOGRAPHS. This is essential to insure accurate listings. Please keep the listings coming.*

= OCTOBER SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE =  
By Ralph Freiberg

ARKANSAS

Camden 150 (Reported by Joel Reznick)  
CHIDESTER & YOUNG CAMDEN, ARK. GOOD FOR 1 FARE  
F o B Oc Sd Drummers Check (23mm) \$7.50

CALIFORNIA

Sacramento 715 (Reported by M&W)  
SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT (LOGO)  
Z WM 23 Pc Good For One Youth Senior Fare (logo) (\* 2/75) .15  
[SRTD took over on April 1, 1973]  
Zone Checks 997 (Reported by Duane H. Feisel)  
(OBSERVE SAME AS 997 E) [all letters incuse]  
L o B 39 Sd Fare Paid to Los Angeles Not Good For Passage 5.00  
M o B 39 Sd " Hollywood " 5.00

ILLINOIS

Cairo 95 (Reported by Pat Morgan)  
CAIRO CITY RAILWAY CO. HALF FARE  
E o B 21 Ch (same as obverse) 7.50

INDIANA

Fort Wayne 290 (Reported by Gay Lipscomb)  
FORT WAYNE CHURUBUS CO. BUS LINE  
E o B Ov St-sc Good For One Pass (30x21mm) 5.00  
[Also known as Star Bus Line; operated between Fort Wayne and Churubusco]  
Indiana Harbor 450 [Relisting based on information in M&W records] (ex-IN 460 M)  
BLUE SAFETY COACH CO. IND.  
E o WM 23 S Good For One Fare (\* 1925) 7.50

MISSOURI

Kansas City 440 (Reported by Peter Weiglin to John Coffee)  
KANSAS CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (ARROW)  
W B 20 Sd (Not Redeemable) [parentheses on token] .40

OHIO

Middletown 565 (Reported by Gay Lipscomb)  
MIDDLETOWN, OHIO C T S  
A B 23 Sd (same as obverse) .35

PENNSYLVANIA

Patterns 998 (Reported by Duane H. Feisel)  
S E P T A PHILADELPHIA  
T Bz 16 P-sc S E P T A Good For One Fare

TEXAS

San Antonio 810  
KELLY A.F.B. BUS 11  
K o Pr 31 Sd (same as obverse) 1.00

WISCONSIN

La Crosse 360 (Reported by A. Erickson & Tex Barnett)  
P WM 16 L [Obverse & Reverse same as 360 J, but dyed or plated brass] (\* 1/75).30  
Q Bz 20 Bl [ " " " " " 360 K, " WM-plated] (\* 1/75) .20  
[La Crosse Municipal Transit Utility, a city operation, took over on  
January 1, 1975, and dyed or plated tokens to indicate which were sold  
by MTU and which by the previous operation.]

UNIDENTIFIED (Reported by Jack Smith)  
EX. L.R.R. CO. / ONE TRIP / UPPER GATE  
152 WM 29 Sd (blank) [obverse letters inc:se].

*The following is a relisting of Unidentified #138 with corrections:*

1 HORSE SINGLE TRIP / HATCH'S TO DELHI / EX. L.R.R. CO. (INCUSE)  
138 WM Ob Sd (blank) (67.17mm)

PRESENTATION PIECES (Page 639 of Atwood)  
AC Sv 32 Sd (Same as Cal 450 Q but silver) [1 piece struck for Literary Award]

CANADA - BRITISH COLUMBIA

Vernon 825 (Reported by Harold V. Ford)  
VERNON CITY BUS SERVICE (BUS) RES. PHONE 542-4840 [blue letters]  
A Pw 33 Sd Good For One Fare [red letters] ["SERVICE" in script on Obv.] .25

CORRECTIONS TO SEPTEMBER 1975 FARE BOX

Cal 450 Q - on Rev. delete "One" to make it read "Good For Round Trip"  
Ill 551 A - Remove obsolete mark. Token still in use.  
Ohio 700 - Correct city number for St. Bernard is 770, not 700.

= NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG =

We are listing some new issues this month which have not yet been received the New Issues Service, but which have been promised to us. But our first one is an old token for Camden, Ark. I'm not certain when Mr. Young joined up with Chidester on this hack line, but possibly it was toward the end of the line's career.

Next the Sacramento senior or student token. I learned of this from the Meyer & Wenthe records and went to Sacramento to get a supply of them, as it's only 90 miles from here. The tokens had been put into use, but mixed up with the old 23mm student tokens. I would have been able to buy enough for the N.I.S. but to get 180 of the new ones it would have been necessary, possibly, to buy 500 to 600 altogether. Tokens were already in rolls, which made it impossible to go thru and pick out the new ones. I was told another supply was on the way and I left a stamped addressed envelope for them to notify me when they arrived. But I'm still waiting. I decided to go ahead and list the token as several have got out to collectors and some were on sale at our Los Angeles Convention. I asked a member living nearby to see if he could get a supply for us. As for me, I am not inclined to spend another \$11 round trip bus fare and then have to buy a lot of older tokens no one wants in order to get enough of the new ones. In March, 1975, they reduced the token rate from 15¢ each to 20 for \$2.50 and created a run on the tokens, which may be used by either students or senior citizens. You can buy an all-day pass for students or seniors by putting either 30¢ or two of these tokens into the fare box.

In last month's issue Mr. Coffee reported a new brass token for Philadelphia. This was an error, however, as the token is white metal, and is used along with the older 750 AO AP AQ tokens. However, in this case we fortunately have supplies of both the adult and student tokens of Philadelphia coming for our New Issues Service. By the way, SEPTA definitely has ordered one million new Bicentennial tokens which will go into use in January, 1976, and we have also been promised a quantity of these for N.I.S. These are being struck by Osborne of Cincinnati.

Duane Feisel found a couple of those rare old California zone checks in a collection he recently purchased, and it turned out they were unlisted ones.

The Cairo, Ill., token appears to be a companion to the already listed adult token. These probably were used on horsecars.

Gay Lipscomb obtained information on the Churubusco token from Virginia King. In making the token they tried to abbreviate Churubusco Company and didn't do too well. The name of the city itself is Churubusco, even though it does not look that way on the token. Virginia King was in communication with a former owner and was

trying to find one of the tokens, but with no success so far. This line operated in the 1930's and was known as the Star Bus Line, although this name is not on the token. The star in the center, however, is there to indicate the firm's name.

I am relisting the Blue Safety Coach token this month. This token was made by Meyer & Wenthe in 1925, according to records now in our possession. Strange as it seems when I got on the trail of Ind 390 A, which was listed way back at \$2 I went to the company at Hammond, Ind., and got a supply of 390 A and also examined their foreign tokens and got ones of these Blue Safety Coach tokens! That should have alerted me to the fact that I found the token in the right place, but at least it did make me suspicious that the token should never have been listed in Indianapolis. Had I known then what I know now I would have looked around Indiana Harbor--that was 20 years ago--and probably found more of these things! This incident is one more reason why I continue to emphasize the importance of not rushing a token into a listing until we know for certain its correct attribution. So anyway, the token formerly listed as Ind 460 M is now listed as Ind 450 E.

As of October 24, we had not received the new Kansas City tokens, but they did promise to send them and they have our check. When we first learned about the new token we were told that they were using the old 16mm tokens for adult fares. Joel Reznick did some telephoning and learned that this new token is sold only to low income people, who may purchase them at a reduced rate. After some eloquent persuasion on Joel's part Kansas City agreed to sell us a quantity for collectors only, and we anticipate their arrival momentarily.

Gay Lipscomb showed us the new Middletown, OH, token at the Los Angeles Convention, and when he returned home he was able to get a supply for us. As a matter of fact he got a huge supply for us and we won't run out of this one for a while. Any member not in the N.I.S. may order all he wants from Nicolosi. Check his ad this issue. The tokens sell from the company for 35¢ and are also sold to seniors for only 25¢ (the same token). Our thanks to Gay Lipscomb for getting these for us.

Mr. Lipscomb was selling the Ohio 165 G and H (Price's Inclined Plane) tokens at the L.A. Convention and had quite a few of them at his table. What only a couple of us noticed then was that there were differences on the OH 165 H. It seems that a few of the 165 H exist with ornaments on them! So add sub varieties: (a) no ornaments (vars.); (b) ornaments. I.e., there are also die varieties on the one without ornaments. The one with ornaments is pretty hard to get so far.

We're also listing a 16mm pattern for SEPTA, which was for sale at the auction at Feisel's Pittsburgh show. Don't know what it brought yet. Apparently SEPTA didn't want the 16mm ones and chose the 20mm school and 23mm adult tokens instead.

Another Kelly Air Force Base token listed this month. Every two or three years another ones shows up with a different number.

Then the plated La Crosse tokens. We found these by accident when checking for some other tokens from that area. We have been promised quantities of the plated tokens but so far they have not arrived, even though they have our check. It appears the tokens were plated so the new management would know which tokens were sold after their takeover, and which prior to their takeover. Speaking of La Crosse, I hope some day to learn if Wis 360 G H I are really from La Crosse, or from Winona, Minn. So far I don't know. I have also come to the conclusion that Wis 360 D and E were made by different companies: the lined background by Scoville of Waterbury, CT, and the plain background by Meyer & Wenthe of Chicago.

There was a Delhi Pike near Cincinnati so we think possibly the Unid #152 and 138 are from that area.

The Presentation Piece for The Fare Box Literary Award was presented at the banquet of our L.A. Convention to David E. Schenkman. Only one of them was made.

The Vernon, B.C., token was reported to Harold Ford, and we have obtained a supply for the New Issues Service.

Al Zaika reports that he went to Wildwood, NJ, and learned that the Sightseer tokens are back in use at 3/\$1, good for a 35¢ cash fare.

From the M&W records we know that a token inscribed RESO / BUS has been ordered, aluminum 15mm. But don't know where it is from. Any ideas?

Richard Bright reports a new token will soon be in use at Reading, Pa., and he will get us a supply.



# IDENTIFIER SUPPLEMENT

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## NOTE:

This supplement to the Identifier section of the Atwood's Catalog of United States tokens includes all tokens listed in the Fare Box issues up to and including the August 1975 issue.

It has been designed and printed so that by cutting on the dotted lines and punching where indicated it will fit the loose leaf binder many of you are now using for your catalog.

Dotted lines appearing as part of the description indicate that there is more to the description than appears in this Identifier listing.

A A T A	Ann Arbor MI
A B C Cab Co. Torrey	Unidentified List
A B C Cab Co. Mt. Pleasant Tenn. ....	Miscellaneous TN
A E (on Austrian coin)	Arapahoe CO
A V A Convention Aug. 9-11 Minneapolis-St.Paul	Minneapolis MN
A Walk On Appelgate's Pier .....	Atlantic City NJ
Acme Cab	Unidentified List
Adult Centre C N Y Centro Inc.	Syracuse NY
"Airport" Limousine .....	Zone Checks CA
Airporttransit	Los Angeles CA
Alameda - Contra Costa Transit District	Patterns CA
Albany Livery and Bus Line .....	Albany WI
Al's Taxi and Delivery Service	Miscellaneous NH
American Vecturist Association 1971 Seattle	Seattle WA
American Vecturist Association 25 Silver....	Golden CO
Atlantic City Expressway	Pleasantville NJ
Atlantic Medical Center	Atlantic IA
B.M.H.S. Bus Fare	Harrisburg PA
B. McCourt Bus Line One Trip	Unidentified List
b. & P St. Ry. Co. Plymouth P. O. ....	Zone Checks MA
Baltimore Harbor Tunnel M. T. A.	Baltimore MD
Baltimore Streetcar Museum	Baltimore MD
Bastrop Bridge Company .....	Bastrop TX
Bay Area Elec. Railroad Assn.	Rio Vista CA
Bear Valley	Bear Valley CA
Bells Lane Lines .....	Patterns KY
Blue & White Bus Line	Unidentified List
Blue & White Bus Lines B&W	Watts CA
Blue Moon Cab Co. Oakland, Calif. ....	Miscellaneous CA
Bornscheuer Bus Co. Inc.	Coplaque NY
Boston Harbor Excursion	Boston MA
Bridgewater Cab .....	Miscellaneous VA
Bristol - Norton Bus Line	Norton VA
Bristol Traction Co.	Patterns CT
Broad Causeway Florida .....	Bay Harbor FL
Brooklyn Heights Toole Bridge Co.	Unidentified List
Brown and Caldwell Buss and Baggage Transfer Co.	Unidentified List
Budget Rent-A-Car .....	Miscellaneous HI
Buell and Harper ... Ree Heights So. Dak.	Miscellaneous SD
Bunola Bus Line	Bunola PA
Burns Transportation Co. ....	Burns OR
Bus Token HT	Unidentified List
California Railway Museum	Rio Vista CA
Capital Transit District	Albany NY
Central Arkansas Transit .....	Little Rock AR
Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit Dist.	Champaign IL
Chittenden C. T. A.	Burlington VT
Cin. & Cov. Ferry Company .....	Cincinnati OH Civil War Tokens
Cincinnati Motor Bus Co.	Cincinnati OH
Cincinnati Transit Half Fare Half Fare	Cincinnati OH
Cleve's Taxi Good For One Ride .....	Unidentified List
City Bus Sys. Bristol, Va. - Tenn.	Bristol TN
City Cab Co. Blackwell, Okla	Miscellaneous OK
City Clipper Hastings .....	Hastings NB
City of Anchorage	Anchorage AK
City of Elgin Transportation	Elgin IL
City of Omaha Public Works Dept Bridge Token .....	Omaha NB
City of South Lake Tahoe	Lake Tahoe CA
City of Terre Haute	Terre Haute IN
City of Walnut Creek .....	Walnut Creek CA

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IDENTIFIER SUPPLEMENT

City Transit Co. Inc. Jonesboro, Ark.	Patterns AR
College & Medical Areas	Cambridge MA
Como Harriet Streetcar Line	Minneapolis MN
Consolidated Street Railways Pico Rivera	Miscellaneous CA
Conti & Rue Bus Line	Monongahala PA
Cov. & Cin. Ferry Company	Cincinnati OH Civil War Tokens
D S U Electric Railway	Dayton OH
Dan Ross Bus Hack & Transfer	Blue Earth MN
Day's Taxi Rockwood Tenn.	Miscellaneous TN
Dean's Blue Cab	Miscellaneous IN
Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission	Delaware River Bridges PA
Delaware River Port Authority	Cambridge NJ
Dental & Medical Areas	Cambridge MA
Discover Flying in a Piper....	Miscellaneous PA
Douglas Auto Stage	Unidentified List
Downtown Hartford ....	Hartford CT
Downtown Merchants Token	Poughkeepsie NY
Duke Power Company High Point	High Point NC
E. Emigh Merry Go Round	Unidentified List
Erhards Ferry 5¢	Bastrop TX
Eureka Jitney Co.	Eureka CA
F D L Area Transit	Fond du Lac WI
Fare Paid Thru 3 Zone Auch	Patterns PA
Flash Taxi Service	Miscellaneous AK
Fitzsimon's Taxi Co. L.C.Conner	Aurora CO
Fondy Area Bus	Fond du Lac WI
For a Pilot .... Aircraft Dealers	Miscellaneous PA
Fork Union Taxi .... Fork Union VA	Miscellaneous VA
Fred Hensel Transfer Line	Sheboygan WI
Good For A Free Ride in a New ....	Miscellaneous MI
Good For A Free Ride .... Smith Regal Flying Service	Miscellaneous NC
Good For 5¢ in Fun Carnival Rides	Miscellaneous NB
Good For 5¢ Toward Cab Fare .... Chester	Miscellaneous PA
Good For 5¢ Toward Cab Fare .... Washburn	Miscellaneous PA
Good For Free Stage Coach Ride & Drink	Aurora CO
Good For 1 Ride at Stock's	New Orleans LA
Good For One Fare Red Bus Line	Unidentified List
Good For One 15¢ Fare	Unidentified List
Good For One Local Zone Ride	Unidentified List
Good For One Ride Gillette Advancement Ass'n.	Gillette WI
Good For One Ride 10	Unidentified List
Good For One Ride to or From Exchange Hotel	Waco TX
Good For One Way Fare on the Hustler	Unidentified List
Good on Kiddie Ride Only	Amusement Ride
Good Only on North Side Bridge Foot Pass.	Pittsburgh PA
Grand Forks St. Ry. Co.	Patterns ND
Greater Lafayette Bus Co. Inc.	Lafayette IN
Greater Lafayette Public Transportation	Lafayette IN
Greycliff C. A. Williams	Miscellaneous ME
H. & L. T.P.Co.	Unidentified List
H. N. J. Bus Fare	Harrisburg PA
Haines Taxi	Miscellaneous AK
Henderson City Railway	Henderson KY
Hertz	Miscellaneous CA

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C

Highland Park and Fruit Vale R.R.	Oakland CA
Highways 34 and 81 West Prairie Village South Dakota	Madison SD
Hilltop Transit Incorp. ....	Unidentified List
Holden's Hack Line	New Lexington OH
Holiday School Transportation Moorhead	Moorhead MN
Holy Trinity School Bus .....	Unidentified List
Hotel Taxies	Vinton IA
Housatonic R.R. Section No. 14	Great Barrington MA
J.A.Hays Livery & Transfer	Unidentified List
Jackson Transportation Co.	Jackson MI
Jewel Cab Service .....	Washington DC
Jim's Taxi .... Broadway VA	Miscellaneous VA
K C I	Kansas City Airport MO
Kaycee	Unidentified List
Kelly Cab Co. .... Killeen Texas .....	Miscellaneous TX
Ken's Around The Clock Taxi Service	Patterns / Miscellaneous MA
Ken's 24 Hour Taxi Service	Miscellaneous MA
L.M.Curd & Son Limousine Service Inc.	Miscellaneous CA
L R P S One Ride	Unidentified List
Lake Drive Transit, Inc. ....	Tacoma WA
Landmark Services Inc.	Washington DC
Litton's Transfer	Chillicothe MO
Lou's Taxi .....	Miscellaneous NH
Luzerne County Transportation Authority	Wilkes-Barre PA
M.B.L. One Ride	Mansfield OH
M. Dennis Proprietor Sedan Hoss Cafe	Sedan KS
M T C Good For One Bus Fare .....	St. Cloud MN
Manistee, Filer City & Eastlake R'y. Co.	Manistee MI
Manson Wiman	Vashon WA
Mariposa Taxi .....	Miscellaneous CA
Mass Transit Administration	Baltimore MD
McBride Transfer Good For One Ride	Unidentified List
McVay Livery Co. Cab Line .....	Unidentified List
Memphis Street Railway Co.	Patterns TN
Metro 1973	Washington DC
Metro T M .....	Washington DC
Metro Transit Baton Rouge, La.	Baton Rouge LA
Merry-Go-Round E. Emigh	Unidentified List
Mike's D Moon Cab .....	Miscellaneous CA
Mike's Moon Cab	Miscellaneous CA
Milt's Float'n Bus	Somerset WI
Mountain Home Cab Co. ....	Miscellaneous AR
Mt. Hope Bridge Division	Bristol RI
Myers Hotel Bus Line	Unidentified List
Myers Taxi and Bus Line .....	Unidentified List
N. F. B. Comm.	Niagara Falls NY
New Albany Str. R'y Co. One Fare	New Albany IN
1972 Convention Chicago .....	Union IL
Nite Owl Taxi	Miscellaneous NJ
Northfield Mount Hermon School	E. Northfield MA
Notre Dame School .....	Unidentified List

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IDENTIFIER SUPPLEMENT

Ogden City Railway Co.	Ogden UT
Ogden Meadows Victory Bus	Van Couver WA
One Fare Brown & Gray Cab & Baggage Line .....	Ottawa KS
One Fare G I B	Grosse Ile / Patterns MI
1 Fare Shuttle Club	Macomb IL
One Fare The Long Island Rail Road .....	Eimont NY
One Free Bus Ride Downtown Stockton	Stockton CA
One Free Ride With Marx A. Flourney	Chicago IL
1 Horse Single Trip Hatch's to Delphi .....	Unidentified List
One Way Transportation .... Construction Company	Aberdeen WA
Opera Swings in Colorado Springs	Colorado Springs CO
Overton Transfer .....	Unidentified List
P.H. Buss Good For 1 Ride	Unidentified List
P.H. Harrington The Best Land on Earth	Miscellaneous MN
Pacific Electric Merry Go Round .....	Long Beach CA
Pacific Grove Mini-Monarch	Pacific Grove CA
Pacific Locomotive Association	Richmond / Pattern CA
Pacific Steamer .....	Miscellaneous CA
Pasadena City Lines, Inc.	East Los Angeles CA
Pascal For Senate ....	Glenn Burnie MD
Pass One Thru .....	Unidentified List
"Pat" Chapel Hill Courtesy Token	Chapel Hill NC
Peoria Livery Co.	Peoria IL
Pioneer Cab .....	Miscellaneous AK
Plymouth Coach Co.	Zone Checks MI
Port Washington Narrows Bridge Project	Patterns WA
Prof. Flavio Silva .....	Unidentified List
Public Service Railway Co.	Patterns NJ
Pugh's Taxi	Unidentified List
Queensboro Bridge Ry. Co. Inc.	NY (Queens) NY
R. Fasquelle Autobuses	Unidentified List
R. I. P. T. A.	Providence RI
RTS Good For One Adult Fare .....	Rochester NY
Red Auto Stage Line S. L.	Ely NV
Return Check on Bus Line Arapaho Norvell	Unidentified List
Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority .....	Newport RI
Richmond - San Rafael Bridge Bus	San Rafael CA
Ridgefield Taxi	Miscellaneous CT
Russian River Ferry .....	Anchorage AK
Route 46 Taxi	Miscellaneous NJ
S. & N. Transit Co.	Sunbury PA
Salisbury's Bus Lines	Salisbury MD
Salisbury Transit .....	Salisbury MD
Salisbury Transit Co. Salisbury, Mo [error]	Salisbury MD
San Antonio Transit System	San Antonio TX
San Luis Obispo City Bus Token .....	San Luis Obispo CA
Shelburne Properties	Atlantic City NJ
Sherman City Street Railway	Sherman TX
Shuttle Club .....	Macomb IL
Simmons Bus Line	Milledgeville GA
Sioux City Transit System	Sioux City IA
Skylark Flying Service Detroit City Airport .....	Miscellaneous MI
Sloan Bros	Unidentified List
Southern California Rapid Transit District	Los Angeles CA
Souvenir Bus Token .....	St. Petersburg FL

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St. Pat's School Bus	Toledo OH
Stan's Taxi Middlebury VT	Miscellaneous VT
Star Bus Company, Inc .....	Zone Checks WV
Stendall Land and Investment Co.	Miscellaneous MN
Sterling Bus Line	Litchfield NH
Student Centro CNY Centro Inc. ....	Syracuse NY
Supreme Taxi Service C	Cambridge MA
Susquchanna Coal Co.	Nanticoke PA
Syracuse Transit Corporation .....	Oswego NY
T.B.Todd The Man .... Two Green Buses	Somerset WI
T. J. Mahoney	Villa Grove CO
T. P. R. - 1 - Fare .....	Unidentified List
Terhune's Yellow Bus Line	Scottsbluff NB
Testing Token	Manufacturer's Samples
The Big Indian Boat Lines .....	La Crosse WI
The Conn. Co. Hartford	Hartford CT
The Goal J.B.Larkin Prop.	Miscellaneous CA
The Green Line .....	Covington KY
The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority	Ill.State Highways IL
The Miami Beach Railway Co.	Miami Beach FL
Thompstontown B. C. 24 .....	Thompstontown PA
Token Worth 15¢ Towards a Ride on a LaCrosse ....	Miscellaneous WI
Toledo & Western R. R. Co.	Adrian MI
Trader Amusement Park San Jose .....	San Jose CA
Transfer Return Check 1 Bert Frank	Unidentified List
Triple Cities Traction Corp.	Patterns NY
Tucson Transit System .....	Tucson AZ
Twin City Cab .... Fuquay - Varina NC	Miscellaneous NC
Twin City Coach Lines, Inc.	Unidentified List
Twin Town Taxi .....	Miscellaneous ME
U. of C. J.H.Kintz Bus Line	Unidentified List
United Traction Co.	Patterns RI
Utica Transit .....	Utica NY
Va. Beach - Expressway Norfolk NR	Norfolk VA
Vacaville Fiesta Celebration	Vacaville CA
WAP & B Center T. P.	Wapakoneta OH
W W	Camden NJ
Waldport Ferry One Auto .....	Waldport OR
Wapak & Belcentre Pike	Wapakoneta OH
Washington County Fair	Miscellaneous OR
Waterloo Omnibus Co. S.Shilliam .....	Waterloo IA
Waterloo Omnibus Co. S.Shilliam, Prop.	Unidentified List
Webbs Stone Livery Barn	Sedan KS
West Greenville Cab Co. .... Greenville S.C. ....	Miscellaneous SC
Western County Transportation Token	White Plains NY
White's Taxi	Miscellaneous ME
Wichita M T A .....	Wichita KS
Winston-Salem Transit Auth.	Winston-Salem NC
Wooden Nickel Burke Homecoming Burke S.Dak.	Miscellaneous SD
Wooden Nickel Gwynn Oak Park .....	Baltimore MD
Woods Run & McKees Rocks Ferry Co.	Pittsburgh PA
Worcester Bus Company	Worcester MA
Worcester Street Rwy Co. ....	Patterns MA
Worth \$5.00 on Purchase of Valley ....	Miscellaneous CA
Wm. Vawter's Bus Line	Hillsboro IL

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IDENTIFIER SUPPLEMENT

Wye Taxi

Miscellaneous AK

X Line

Xenia OH

Yager's Livery

St. Anthony ID

Yellow Cab Bus

Boulder CO

Yellow Cab .... The Thinking Fellow Calls A Yellow .....

Sioux Falls SD

# SECOND SUPPLEMENT TO THE CATALOGUE OF CAR WASH TOKENS

## By Harold V. Ford

ILLINOIS

Romeoville 762 (M&W)  
GOOD FOR 5 MIN. AT HAPTON PARK CAR WASH ROMEOVILLE, ILL.  
A WM 27 Sd (Sofspra) (1M 1/29/69) .50

KENTUCKY

Henderson 370 (M&W)  
GOOD ONLY AT SOFSPRA CAR WASH IN HENDERSON AND SEBREE  
KENTUCKY  
A WM 27 Sd (Sofspra) .50

MICHIGAN

Lexington 572 (McKelvey)  
KINSLEY'S SOFSPRA 5421 MAIN STREET LEXINGTON  
MICHIGAN  
A • WM 27 Sd (Sofspra) (1M 1966) .50

MINNESOTA

Wadena 920 (M&W)  
GOOD ONLY AT E & B SOFSPRA HWY #10 W WADENA, MINN.  
A WM 27 Sd (Sofspra)(vars.) .50  
Obv. #  
a. angles to the left (5M 5/23/66)  
b. angles to the right (5M 10/13/69)

MISSOURI

St. Louis 910 (Clapper)  
GOOD FOR-5-MINUTES AT SOFSPRA 9645 NATURAL BRIDGE ROAD  
E • WM 27 Sd (Sofspra) 1.50

NEW YORK

Schenectady 830 (Ezidre)  
WOODLAWN SOFSPRA 2013 STATE ST. AT SHIRLEY DR.  
SCHENECTADY, N.Y.  
A WM 27 Sd (Sofspra) 1.00

Webster 957 (M&W)

GOOD FOR-5-MINUTES AT SOFSPRA WEBSTER, N.Y.  
A WM 27 Sd (Sofspra) (1M 4/12/65) .50

NORTH CAROLINA

Clemmons 175 (M&W)  
GOOD ONLY AT SOFSPRA CAR WASH OPEN 24 HOURS  
CLEMMONS SHOPPING CENTER  
A WM 27 Sd (Sofspra)(vars.) (Rev. COIN-OP) .50  
a. 17mm, no circled R in logo (1M 7/26/65)  
b. 13mm, circled R in logo (1M 1/28/72)

OHIO

Pemberville 723 (M&W)  
H & A TEXACO CAR WASH 165 BIERLEY AVE. PEMBERVILLE, OHIO  
A WM 27 Sd (Sofspra) (1M 2/9/70) .50

SOUTH DAKOTA

Pierre 760 (M&W)  
GOOD FOR-5-MINUTES AT SOFSPRA CAR WASH PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA  
A WM 27 Sd (Sofspra) (1M 6/28/65) .50

UTAH

Panguitch 560 (M&W)

GOOD FOR 5 MINUTES AT SCENICLAND SOFSPRA CAR WASH  
PANGUITCH, UTAH

A WM 27 Sd (Sofspira) (1M 7/10/69)

.50

WASHINGTON

Ephrata 285 (Super)

JOLLY BOYS, INC. EPHRATA, WASH.

A WM 27 Sd (Sofspira)

.50

Lynden 500 (M&W)

GOOD FOR 5 MIN. AT LYNDEN SOFSPRA 210 FRONT ST.  
LYNDEN, WASH.

A WM 27 Sd (Sofspira) (1M 7/2/69)

.50

CAR WASH CHAIN STOCK TOKEN 400 (Kneblech)

GOOD FOR 5-MINUTES AT SOFSPRA SPECIALTIES, INC.

C • WM 27 Sd Sofspira)

1.00

The above listings are all the Sofspira type. I was able to obtain specimens by writing to those priced at 50¢ even though most Sofspira issues are probably obsolete at this time.

In order to complete this page I am listing a few of a newer type of issue which has replaced the Sofspira type. All could be had by writing and sending a quarter plus a SASE.

IOWA

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DEWEY FORD RYKO CAR WASH DES MOINES, IOWA

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.35

Ottumwa 740 (M&W)

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A Bz 26 Sd Meter-All Dallas Texas (3M 4/20/73)

.35

LOUISIANA

Hammond 320 (M&W)

OAK STREET CAR WASH HAMMOND, LA.

A Bz 26 Sd Meter-All Dallas Texas (1M 7/18/74)

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MICHIGAN

Bay City 065

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G • Bz 26 Sd Meter-All Dallas Texas

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Report new car wash listings to: Harold V. Ford  
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# U.S. CIVIL WAR STORE CARDS

Second Edition

*George and Melvin Fuld*



The issuance of a Second Edition of George and Melvin Fuld's *U.S. Civil War Store Cards* only three years after the first edition appeared attests to the significance of the work and the growing number of specialists in the field. Civil War Tokens were issued by the millions almost exclusively in the northern states during the war years of 1860-1865. Of the two types (Patriotic and Store Cards), the Store Cards that are the subject of this volume were issued by individual merchants in a great number of cities and towns primarily to make change for their customers as regular U.S. coinage disappeared from circulation for these years. This edition includes everything in the first edition plus a great number of corrections and additions which have been published in periodicals since 1972. Additionally, new discoveries tabulated by Jon Harris from the collection of the American Numismatic Society have been reprinted at the end of the volume from a pamphlet recently published by the Civil War Token Society. A new foreword introducing the edition has been added by the publisher and the valuation table has been updated by the authors.

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WILL TRADE ILL 95 E (listed this month) Cairo City Railway; Cal 745 N; Ia 380 I; Neb 700 D; unlisted tramway of Karlovask "Greek Horsecar Token 20"; Italy 600 A B; Wis 511 A; Neb 540 Q; damaged Ia 850 I; Pa 65 A; Minn 760 C; timetables G P; Ia 3850 A.  
WANTED: Ia 850 A B D E F G. Name your trade.

Pat Morgan - Box 3282 - Sioux City, IA 51102

MY 3 DIFF. ELONGATED COIN PERSONAL TOKENS, all rolled on 1971 Lincoln cents (1036 A 1873 San Francisco cable car) (1036 B old Chicago horsecar) (1036 C modern S.F. cable car) all mounted in elongated coin holders 2x2. 75¢ each or the 3 for \$2, now obsolete

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FOR SALE: Pa 850 D, \$3 each, or Pa 375 A for \$1 each.

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WOULD LIKE TO EXCHANGE SWAP LISTS WITH other collectors.

Gene Godsoe - 310 West Fourth - Winston-Salem, NC 27101

TT's FOR SALE AT 25¢ EACH plus postage: MD 260 D I, 960 A; Ohio 355 A B, 450 C E F H, 330 D, 860 E F G H; Okla 590 C, 640 C D; Ore 700 G; Pa 25 E, 70 A, 263 A, 605 H, 660 A, 705 A B C, 750 AA AF AH AO AR; 765 Z, 850 C, 930 C, 940 B. Will trade any one (1) of the following for one (1) token: poison labels (a bunch) OR a box of Eversharp pencil leads OR 25 diff. canceled postage stamps.

Claude G. Thompson - 3757 Kipling Ave. So. - Minneapolis, MN 55416

CENSUS TT, SD 370 A, also MD 600 Da, will trade for Mich. TT's that I need. Car Wash token of Lexington, Mich., will trade for any PT or CWT from Mich. that I can use. My new Bicentennial personal is yours for SAE.

Don R. McKelvey - 2822 19th Avenue - Port Huron, MI 48060

WILL TRADE ONE NRA Centennial Shooting Jamboree ribbon year 1971 from Grants Pass, OR for one D.A.V. key tag mini license plate or send me a dog tax tag (no vaccine please) and I'll send you a transp. token. Older & more unusual tags get better tokens.

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COLLECTOR WANTS TO BUY AMUSEMENT TOKENS, numbered tokens, tokens with letters on each side, merchant without city, any foreign tokens.

Kenneth E. Smith - 328 Avenue F - Redondo Beach, CA 90277

SEND SAE FOR TWO-PAGE LIST of tokens for trade; please send your list.

James D. Hemphill - 5835 S.W. Colby Court - Lake Oswego, OR 97034

TRADE OR SALE: Cal 275 F, 700 A, 703 A, 845 G; Col 260 P Q, 600 A; Conn 30 A, 210 A; DC 500 AJ; Fla 530 F, 620 A B; Ohio 750 A; Pa 515 B.

J.H. Roy - 10201 Christophe Colomb - Montreal, Quebec

FOR SALE OR TRADE: One set only, Pa 675 B C D. Need good Calif. tokens, or ??? Best offer end of month gets it. = Sol Halpern - 1032 N. Screenland - Burbank, CA 91505

FOR AUCTION: Minn 620 C; Mo 997 A C D E F; NC 770 B; Ohio 10 A, 15 B, 175 W Y Z, 520 A, 750 A; Pa 150 B, 165 E, 400 C, 725 D, 750 G, 765 P; Wash 250 E; one complete set of Pa 997 A thru Q, min. bid \$50. Some postage appreciated.

Roice V. Rider - 1523 Bailey St. - Lansing, MI 48910

I HAVE TT AND PT to trade for PT, my want-list for yours.

Gordon Wold - Route 1, Box 189 - Princeton, MN 55371

WILL TRADE FOR ANY TOKEN I CAN USE: Col 60 A B C, 140 D F, 260 A D(2) E H J, 340 B D E, 460 E, 620 A, 760 D K; Ind 690 A (33), 730 B (3), D (37).

George H. Sanders - 1570 So. Quieto Ct. - Denver, CO 80223

BULK TRADES ON A 5 for 1, 2 for 1, and 1 for 1, basis. Write for details. SAS helps.

Sam Ruggeri - P.O. Box 145 - Canton, OH 44701

MAIL BID: Ohio 165 K L M N G H, 15 B, 230 M, 10 M, 410 B; Pa 495 G H I L, 25 A C D, 750 W, 340 E; Va 620 J L, 600 C; Wis 170 D; Ky 135 A; Utah 750 C; SD 680 B; SC 240 C; Wash 340 D; WVa 640 A; Quebec 620 X.

Stanley L. Buckley - 23 18th Street - Newport, KY 41071

FOR TRADE: Ill 285 H; Ky 560 D; Ohio 700 A B; DC 500 AM; A.R.M.T. 101 J.

Bob Kelley - 6315 Parkview - Mason, OH 45040

FOR SALE PLUS POSTAGE: Cal 615 C, 25¢; CT 210 C 45¢; Ga 60 U, 2 vars. 75¢; IL 270 E 40¢, 535 B 40¢, 551 A 40¢; Minn 80 A 75¢; NH 615 A 40¢; NY 35 I J K, 695 F H, all 40¢ each; Ohio 565 A at catalogue, all you want; 770 A B 35¢ ea; 985 A 35¢; Pa 875 B 65¢, 940 B 15¢, 985 J 45¢, K 35¢; RI 700 K 35¢; Tenn 20 D \$1.15, E 80¢, 700 I 45¢; V.I. 1000 A 25¢, B 35¢, C 25¢; parking & car wash tokens for trade; still available, all 1000's listed last month. = J. Nicolosi - 3002 Galindo St. - Oakland, CA 94601

FOR TRADE: two Nevada 100 A, five 100 B, and six 100 C. Willing to trade individually or as a set or lot. = Wm. Friese - 9334 Cromwell Drive - Pittsburgh, PA 15237

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FOR TRADE: TT's to exchange for Mich. TT's, PT's or merchant tokens. Would appreciate your list. = Paul Thompson - 1805 Lyons Ave. - Lansing, MI 48910

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Joe Studebaker - 2614 Legare St. - Beaufort, SC 29902

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R. Grant Carner - R.D. 2, Box 112 - Oil City, PA 16301

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HAVE SMALL SUPPLY OF RARE NC 700 A for best trade or cash offers. Also have Tenn 250 A for trade or for sale at \$6.00; Ill 785 A @ \$3; Cal 760 J @ \$2.50, K @ \$2.50.

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P.R. Pearson - 11937 Darlington Avenue - Los Angeles, CA 90049

FOR TRADE: my personal token for yours. If you have more than one type I will send 5 diff. TT's (my choice) for each type.

Page Mann - 484 Catesby Lane - Williamsburg, VA 23185

FOR TRADE: Sioux City, Iowa 3850 A for Iowa TT's 30 C, 110 B C, 310 A B, 390 C, 590 B, 640 A C I R, 850 B J, 890 B.

Robert Lubetkin - 3660 Grand - Des Moines, IA 50312

AUCTION (postage & insurance + bid): Iowa 730 D; Kans 940 N; Mo 370 D; Neb 540 P; Ohio 440 E, 520 A, 860 N; Pa 515 B, 725 D H; WVa 640 A.

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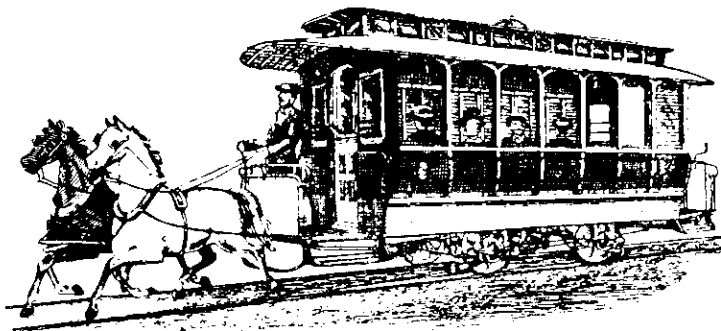


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With great sadness I must report the death of two prominent members, George Wyatt of Lunenburg, Mass., and Maurice Gould of Tustin, Calif. I never met George in person, but we corresponded regularly and often, and I felt as though we were old friends. He was an active and vigorous collector, and he died after a long illness on September 18. Maurice Gould was an old Bostonian, and I first met him in my college days over 20 years ago when I visited his Copley Coin Company here in Boston. Instead of the usual gruff negative I was accustomed to when asking about transportation tokens, Maury Gould invited me into his office and spent over an hour with me talking about transportation tokens, asking me all about them. From then on I was a regular visitor to his coin shop, purchased a number of rarities from him, and we became fast friends. He was a deeply religious man, and served as President of his synagogue, and our common interest in religion gave us another common bond. After his daughter's untimely death he left Boston and went to live in California. But I saw him often after that at conventions, and there was always the ready smile, the easy friendliness, the genuine affection he had for everyone around him. One of the most prominent numismatists in America, Maury wrote a nationally syndicated coin column, and was a member of the Board of Governors of the American Numismatic Association at the time of his death. In his passing numismatics has lost a great mind, and I have lost a good friend. He died November 29, age 66.

December 2. Enclosed with your copy of this issue you will find your pre-addressed dues envelope for payment of your 1976 A.V.A. dues. Dues for the coming year remain at only \$6.00 in spite of a grossly unfair postage rate increase which is pending, and which will plunge the A.V.A. into the red again if it take effect. In view of the coming increase, you will make things easier and save us money if you will mail in your dues promptly, making it possible to send your new dues card before the end of the month, thereby saving 3¢ on each member. Incidentally, if you fail to pay before March 1, the rate of dues for 1976 will be \$7.00. Please be prompt, and take care of it as quickly as possible.

Now in production is a booklet which will contain a complete Index of all issues



of *The Fare Box* from the first issue in July, 1947, down to the present. This has been a huge undertaking, and a number of people, but especially Syd Joseph and Paul and Susan Cunningham, are making it possible. This will make it enormously simpler to refer to articles in previous issues. The booklet will be similar in size and format to the *Personal Tokens of Vecturists* booklet which was distributed to members this past summer. The Complete Index will be mailed free of charge to every member of record at the time it becomes ready...one more bonus for your membership. It will sell for \$1.00 a copy to those not eligible for a free copy of it.

The Editor finally got around to arranging his collection of vecturist personal tokens, and I still need five to be complete: 3-B, 3-D, 441-B, 441-C, 441-G, although counterstamped personals are still in limbo with respect to future listings. In any event vecturist personals are a fascinating little collection in themselves, and in future years a perusal of one's collection will bring back memories of past friends and conventions. The long series issued by Joe Allis form a little story of his changing collecting interests and his convention attendance, for example. One nice thing about them is that there are no "census" personals, and forming a collection won't cost you an arm and a leg. I was once offered a 3-B, which I still need, for \$8.00, and I declined because it just doesn't seem right to shell out a lot of money for something which, after all, is really a personal souvenir made to be given away or swapped for a nominal recompense. If there are any personals not listed in the yellow booklet or this month's Supplement #1, I would need them and would appreciate specimens so that I may list them.

Bob Ritterband, former A.V.A. President, when he telephoned me from Los Angeles to tell me of Maury Gould's death, said that he would represent the A.V.A. at the funeral. He added that a fitting tribute by A.V.A. members to the memory of either George Wyatt or Maurice Gould would be a contribution, however small, to the Tribute Fund of the A.V.A. Send it to Bob, who is the Director of the Fund.

In that same phone call, Bob informed me of new officers elected at the November 16 meeting of the California Association of Token Collectors: John Barnes, President; Bob Carter, Vice-President; Elaine Willahan, Secretary; Andrew Crusen, Treasurer; and Bob Ritterband as Past President. Sixteen were present for the meeting at Ritterband's home.

In view of the pending postage increase, the December issue almost certainly will be mailed before January 1. I already have several good articles on hand for that issue. So please have everything for that issue here no later than Christmas.

Because I keep my celluloid and vulcanite tokens in "Library of Coins" 25¢ albums, I decided to count up how many street railway or stage tokens of quarter size or smaller, there are listed in Atwood. I came up with 248 of them, all told, and was somewhat chagrined to discover that I still need 66 of them in my collection. This does not include larger vulcs or bridge or ferry vulcs. That's a lot of rare tokens, because only a handful of celluloids and vulcanites are common. Incidentally, Ohio leads the states that issued these tokens, followed by Pennsylvania and Kentucky.

I received a letter recently from someone who is writing a book on unusual hobbies, and he is going to include transportation token collecting, of course, among his subjects. He asked me to describe, and send him a picture, of the most valuable token of all. I decided that the most valuable token, without question, listed in Atwood is NY 630 A, which sold for \$500 not long ago, and more recently I have been told that there are several people who would pay \$1,000 for it without hesitation! Close seconds to the Gibbs token would probably be the Accommodation Line and the Yinger tokens of Baltimore, and the Chestnut & Walnut Civil War transportation tokens of Philadelphia, the ones with Ben Franklin's picture on them. But for most of us, myself included, a plain old 16mm token that you can still buy for 15¢ is just as interesting and just as much fun to own. They all have their stories to tell. And on that note we close, wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a prosperous Bicentennial Year...for each of us and for our country whose birthday we celebrate with pride.

= SOME NOTES ON WOODEN NICKEL TRANSPORTATION TOKENS =  
By Kenneth E. Smith

Since 1969 at various times I have attended meetings of the California Wooden Money Association in Southern California. This group has at its meetings many of the parties concerned with the wooden nickel catalogues. These members informed me about cities and companies that used wooden nickel transportation tokens. I wrote these companies and acquired some information I am now sharing with the AVA membership.

The wooden nickel manufacturers, when filling an order, usually make an overrun to guarantee that they can fill the order with the correct number of unblemished undamaged wooden nickels. Estimates by knowledgeable wooden nickel collectors are that the overrun is usually from 10% on large quantity orders to 20% on small quantity orders. This procedure of making overruns is not only done by wooden nickel manufacturers, but also by metal token manufacturers. Some years ago a couple of prominent eastern collectors were able to see some overruns at Scovill Manufacturing Company in Waterbury, CT. These overruns at Scovill dated from between 1900 and 1920 and were still in storage. The lot consisted of census and near-census tokens at the time, and patterns. Later someone was able to get these overrun tokens and they became comparatively common.

Other collectors have found overruns of transportation tokens at other manufacturers in Seattle, and at Meyer & Wenthe in Chicago, as well as other companies.

I personally have not been lucky enough to get any transportation token overruns from manufacturers, but I did find some 30 years ago at one company an explanation of what happened to their overrun sample boxes. I had discovered the brass South St. Paul Transit token and visited the company to get some for collectors, and while there inquired about any other tokens they might have on hand. I was shown a box of obsolete unlisted South St. Paul transit tokens in red and gold fibre, which they were going to burn. Most of these fibre tokens had been chewed up by the fare boxes they used. I got less than 120 each of the fairly undamaged fibre tokens, and the rest were burned. I was informed that these tokens were made at Northwest Stamp Works in St. Paul, and I visited them and learned the following:

The pinball machine craze hit the Twin Cities in the early 1930's and, at first, the machines dispensed money for winnings. This was gambling, of course, and was quickly outlawed. To circumvent this, the pinball machine operators ordered amusement tokens and used these in the Twin Cities for about ten years. At most establishments you could not buy the amusement tokens as they were put into the pinball machines and dispensed whenever the player achieved a high score. The tokens could be used for replay, or at some bars if the friendly bartender knew you he would redeem them for cash. Well, it seems that when these tokens were manufactured, it was common practice to strike the following: 120 tokens for an order of 100; 225 for a 200 order; 530 for a 500 order, and 1040 for a 1000 order. Then the best of the 100, 200, 500, or 1000 tokens were selected to fill the order. The mutilated and off-center tokens were put into the MELT box, and the remainder in the sample boxes. There were two types of sample boxes: type 1 was for merchant tokens not used as amusement tokens, and type 2 was for tokens used as amusement tokens, even if they read that they were good for 5¢ in trade. When a die was set up, and before the token run, it was the practice to take a few tokens of that size and shape from a sample box and overstamp to check the die. When these tokens were taken from the type 1, merchants only, box and over stamped they were then thrown into the melt box. So tokens over stamped over merchant-non-amusement tokens are very rare for the Twin Cities. In my collection of over 6000 over stamped Twin City area tokens, fewer than 20 are over struck on the merchant-non-amusement type token, of which one, incidentally, is over struck on the very rare parking token of Sioux City, Iowa. None are over struck on transportation tokens.

When these tokens were taken from a type 2, amusement token, box and over stamped to check the die, the resultant tokens were often returned to the amusement token sample boxes. This is the principal reason one often sees amusement tokens with two or three different under stampings, as these tokens were used several times for die checking. These 4- or 3- multiple stampings are not common because if a token was restamped several times it usually cracked and went into the melt box.

In late 1942 and early 1943 the token manufacturers in the Twin Cities had run out of token blanks (World War II shortage) and took most of the tokens--if not all the tokens--from the type 2 amusement sample boxes, and used these, over stamped, to fill orders. If what I was told was correct, about 20,000 tokens were over stamped and released, mostly to taverns in St. Paul.

By 1946, when token blanks were available again, the pinball machine craze had run its course in the Twin Cities, and few pinball tokens were made thereafter. The commercial slug law of 1944, which began the demise of most telephone tokens, also put a severe crimp in the use of amusement tokens dispensed by machines.

During the war years, when the usual brass and white metal token blanks were not available, zinc, steel, plastic, and fibre tokens were made at the Northwest Stamp Works, but they proved unsatisfactory.

The difference between the metal token manufacturers and the wooden nickel manufacturers is that the former did not advertise and sell their overruns. In the mid-1960's the wooden nickel manufacturers started selling the overruns of original issues and some errors, and then later, if demand for an item was heavy, they actually made restrikes deliberately, for this purpose of sale to collectors.

With respect to the wooden nickel transportation tokens made originally before 1965, in most cases the original issue can be distinguished from the restrikes.

The following is a list of wooden nickel reverses, and I shall refer back to this list when discussing these tokens in later articles.

*Reverse WA: This reverse is a large circle containing the words WOODEN NICKEL with an Indian head pictured facing left. The Indianhead is 21mm lengthwise from tip of nose to tip of feather near L of NICKEL, and also 21mm high.*

*Reverse WB: Like Reverse WA except Indianhead is 20mm high.*

*Reverse WC: Like Reverse WA except Indianhead is 20mm lengthwise and 20mm high.*

*Reverse WD: Like Reverse WA except Indianhead is 20mm lengthwise and 19mm high.*

*Reverse WE: This reverse is a large circle containing the words WOODEN NICKEL with an Indianhead pictured facing right.*

*Reverse WF: This reverse is a large circle containing the words WOODEN NICKEL UNITED STATES OF AMERICA with a buffalo pictured facing left. There is a star & diamond and another star above buffalo, and a star under buffalo.*

*Reverse WG: Like Reverse WF except no stars or diamonds.*

*Reverse WI: This reverse reads WOODEN NICKEL @ JACK HARPER with an Indianhead pictured facing right.*

*Reverse WJ: This reverse reads DON'T TAKE WOODEN NICKELS - FOR REAL MONEY TURN OVER - and in the center an Indianhead pictured facing left.*

*Reverse WK: This reverse reads WOODEN NICKEL BEWARD OF IMITATIONS with Indianhead pictured facing left.*

*Reverse WL: This reverse reads WOODEN NICKEL around a circle which contains an Indianhead pictured facing right.*

*Reverse WM: This reverse reads WOODEN NICKEL UNITED STATES OF AMERICA with 3 stars over buffalo pictured facing left.*

*Reverse WN: This reverse reads WOODEN NICKEL UNITED STATES OF AMERICA with buffalo pictured facing left.*

*Reverse WO: This reverse reads WOODEN NICKEL with Indianhead pictured facing right.*

*Reverse WP: This reverse reads SILVER NICKEL with Indianhead pictured facing left, and with a silver-colored background.*

*Reverse WQ: This reverse reads WOODEN NICKEL UNITED STATES OF AMERICA about a double circle containing an Indianhead pictured facing right.*

From information supplied me by wooden nickel collectors and clubs, the following general conclusions may be drawn about wooden transportation items, with respect to their manufacture.

By the mid-1960's when transportation wooden items were first restruck, the following reverses were obsolete: WA WB WF WI. Therefore probably all transportation wooden nickels with these reverses are from original issues. Also, reverses WJ and WK



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are probably original issues on transportation items. The transportation items with reverses WC WD and WG may be original issues, or they may be restrikes, and in subsequent articles will be marked whether they are original issue or manufacturer's restrrike, or if in doubt will not be market until further information is obtained. Transportation items with reverse WP are all manufacturer's restrikes. The other reverses which account for less than 5% of the wooden transportation items we do not know about and they will require further study.

As an example of listings in future articles, the Checker Cab Company tokens of Dayton, Ohio, may be analyzed as follows:

	CHECKER CAB CO. BA 2-4011	GOOD FOR 5¢ IN TRADE
WAO W 38 Sd	(Reverse WA)(original issue)	
WBO W 38 Sd	(Reverse WF)(original issue)	
WCO W 38 Sd	(Reverse WD)(manufacturer's restrrike)	
WDO W 38 Sd	(Reverse WG)(manufacturer's restrrike)	
	CHECKER CAB CO. DAYTON, OHIO	GOOD FOR 5¢ IN TRADE
WEo W 38 Sd	(Reverse WD)(manufacturer's restrrike)	
WFO W 38 Sd	(Reverse WD)(reverse in blue)(manufacturer's restrrike)	

All lettering is in black unless otherwise specified. Note that there is no way to tell the difference between original issue tokens obtained from the user, or acquired from the manufacturer in the mid-1960's if they came from the same batch. I am not putting a price on these tokens as they are not part of my catalogues. The identity codes WA WB WC etc. are not Atwood codes and are used only for purposes of temporary identification of wooden tokens, and may or may not be in the future supplanted by official Atwood Catalogue numbers, depending on which items are accepted for the catalogues.

Future wooden nickel articles will contain listings and, in some cases such as Dallas and Texarkana, details as to usage with credits to suppliers of this information.

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= SHAMROCK TAXI SERVICE WOODEN NICKELS =  
By Kenneth E. Smith

In 1970 I acquired a few Shamrock Taxi Service wooden nickels with the information that they were from Jamestown, NY. I wrote the company, and received a reply dated August 31, 1970, from Mrs. Myra B. Cammarata, owner of the Shamrock Yellow Cab Co. of 26 Fenton Place, Jamestown, NY. The letter contained the following information:

These wooden nickels were used as a promotion stunt when Mr. & Mrs. Cammarata began the taxi business on October 28, 1963, and the tokens were discontinued in 1964. Some 1,500 were made, and Mr. Cammarata got the idea from a gas station in Warren, Pa., which was using wooden nickels for advertising. In May, 1969, Mrs. Cammarata had close to a thousand of these wooden nickels stored at her brother's house, and he had an attic fire which destroyed them. Mrs. Cammarata had only 3 of them left at the time of her letter, and she would not part with them.

I am grateful to Mrs. Cammarata for the above information. The status of these wooden nickel transportation tokens appears to be as follows:

	SHAMROCK TAXI SERVICE PHONE 4-9168	GOOD FOR 5¢ IN TRADE
WAO W 38 Sd	(Reverse WB)(original issue)(* 1963-64)	
WBO W 38 Sd	(Reverse WF)(original issue)(* 1963-64)	
	SHAMROCK TAXI SERVICE PHONE 4-9168	GOOD FOR 5¢ IN TRADE
	JAMESTOWN, N.Y.	
WCo W 38 Sd	(Reverse WC)(red reverse)(manufacturer's restrrike)	

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= PLEASE SEND IN YOUR \$6 A.V.A. DUES PROMPTLY =

= THE VILLAGE OF PARK FOREST PARKING TOKEN =  
By D. Frank Elam

The village of Park Forest is located some 30 miles south of the central business district of Chicago along the Illinois Central Gulf Railroad's main electric commuter line. Park Forest started as a planned development in the late 1940's to ease the severe postwar housing shortage. By 1950 the population had reached 8,000. Today it is estimated at 32,000. Not very many people outside the Chicago area know about Park Forest, yet some have probably read William H. Whyte Jr.'s book *The Organization Man*, written in the mid-fifties telling about the rise of the junior executive of Park Forest. In 1966 it was estimated by a village survey that 30% of the labor force worked in downtown Chicago. This figure does not seem to be out of line with today's estimate either. Approximately 15,000 people from the Park Forest area use the commuter train facilities daily.

No known parking token was ever issued in Park Forest until this year. The Park Forest municipal lot was the last lot in the area to increase the rate from 25¢ to 50¢, in January, 1975. Then there was talk by the village board that the municipal lot was going to lower its parking rate for residents of Park Forest from 50¢ to 35¢ for 24 hours. A token was to be issued for this purpose. The tokens were made available at the village hall in July, 1975, for 35¢ to Park Forest residents, and for 50¢ each to non-residents. There is a purchase limit of 40 tokens at any one time.

South Suburban Safeway Bus Company provides a route through Park Forest to take commuters to and from the Illinois Central Gulf station at 211th Street during the morning and evening rush hours. The fare is 40¢ one way, or a punch card can be obtained that is good for 11 rides at \$4. No tokens are issued by the bus company.

Increased service for transportation of people throughout Park Forest is unlikely unless the community is willing to subsidize the line in some form. There is more and more indication that this could happen at a later date. Several attempts in attracting more passengers by making buses more comfortable and convenient to home have failed in the past. Yet the development of a coordinated transportation network (including parking facilities) to move Park Foresters from one mode of travel to another has been and will continue to be a basic policy of the community.

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= MORE ON THE WHITSETT TOKEN OF VAN NUYS, CALIFORNIA =

On page 136 of the October 1975 issue we described under "New Finds" a 58mm fibre item issued by W.P. Whitsett, a Van Nuys real estate operator. Comes now a letter from Steve Lipshie which tells the whole story of this interesting item. Steve sent along a Xerox from the Valley Federal Pioneer, which contained the story of this interesting founder of the city of Van Nuys. Along with a picture of the bus used by Whitsett is the following comment from the article:

"W.P. Whitsett in those early days of 1911 employed many new and original sales ideas...ideas which sold land and homes and helped build a solid community foundation. The railroads of the time provided all new incoming arrivals to L.A. with metal bound tags on their luggage. On presentation of these tags to the Whitsett office on Hill Street, visitors were assigned seats in sight-seeing automobiles maintained by Mr. Whitsett and were then shown around Hollywood and the new Van Nuys townsite."

So it would appear that I have a rather nice old token there which was, indeed, good for transportation.

Steve Lipshie in his letter adds that Mr. Whitsett expanded his interests and in 1925 was one of the founders of Providential Savings & Loan, which got a federal charter in 1933, becoming San Fernando Valley Federal Savings & Loan. Mr. Whitsett lived to ripe age, dying in 1961 or 1962, well into his 90's, a true pioneer. A boulevard in the San Fernando Valley has, quite appropriately and rightly, been named after him.

So there is a fascinating token with a delightful story behind it, involved both in real estate development and transportation. One reason I went into collecting real estate tokens was the frequent connection between the two.

The Editor recently acquired another Iowa 80 B, the 25¢ Blencoe, which, as it was a duplicate, is now reposing in the collection of Milton Heitman. Milton, meanwhile reports that he has picked up a duplicate of Iowa 930 K, the Waterloo Omnibus.

David Schenkman, as usual, has picked up a number of good tokens. First of all, he acquired a token he has been panting for for a long time, Va 350 A, the Fredericksburg Bridge token. This is only the second one known; the one in the Editor's collection was for years unique. I got it from Ed Levy when he auctioned his collection in the early 1950's. David also purchased, from the auction at Feisel's Pittsburgh show, a Pa 115 A for \$75.00, and Timetable K for only \$19.00. This last is amazing, as Timetable K is the rarest timetable in the list. A shell card, embossed, it is very old. David adds that the piece is really brass, and not copper as listed.

Then David picked up another nice one, for only a dollar in a dealer's junk book. It's an early New Orleans token from around 1900:

N.O. & CARROLLTON R.R. CO. / EMPLOYEE PASS

A 25 Sd (incuse numerals)

According to an 1890 Poor's Directory, the New Orleans & Carrollton Railroad was a 17-mile line between the two cities, half mule-power, half steam dummy.

Yosef Sa'ar writes from Israel that he recently acquired an example of the beautiful 1913 Porto, Portugal, bridge token (see Fare Box page 117, 1969). He adds in his letter: "I should like to point out that the bridge was named after King Luiz the First of Portugal, and Smith has a slight error in the spelling on the token. It should be PONTE D. LUIZ I<sup>o</sup>. Another delightful point is that close inspection with a magnifying glass will reveal a tiny--less than 2mm--but distinct electric trolley crossing the bridge."

Joe goes on in his letter to write: "My correspondent in Portugal states that the white porcelain 1921 GAIA token listed from Porto, also Fare Box page 117 (1969), is really part of a series of 1,2,4, and 10 centavo porcelain emergency money, and not connected with transport."

Finally, Joe's interesting letter tells about a new token from ELAT, ISRAEL:

"Recently opened here is Coral World, an underwater observatory and aquarium on the Coral Beach. From the shore you walk out a narrow bridge to a large steel tower, descend a spiral staircase and stare out at a 360° view of the fantastic coral formations and sea life. Coral World uses a nice pictorial brass token for admittance via turnstile, and although I don't claim it's a bridge token, it's still an attractive piece. There are only three other similar underwater observatories in the world: one near Mombasa, Kenya, and I believe two in Australia. Any collectors interested in this type of token, first from Elat, send me \$3.00 for an example. Admission fee is \$2.00." Joe's address: Yosef Sa'ar - Ta Doar 533 - 88 100 ELAT, ISRAEL.

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#### = LIST OF DIE VARIETIES AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS =

Back in the 1950's Max Schwartz prepared a comprehensive list of minor die varieties, describing each one in such a way that any collector could tell which one he owned. The list was never completed, but is still quite a piece of work, and at the time a copy was sent to every member. Since then, of course, many new varieties have come to a light. Still, the Schwartz list is of tremendous help.

Now Ralph Hinde has updated the old Schwartz list, changed catalogue numbers to correspond to the 1970 Atwood, and had the whole list beautifully typed by member Greg Prgomet. Ralph then Zeroxed the resultant neat piece of work, in reduced size with two pages to one sheet. Now we can't reproduce these in quantity because we have neither the time or the money to do it.

However, Ralph says he will be happy to lend the set of ten sheets to any collector who could then Zerox a copy for himself, and then either return the sheets to Ralph or send them to another collector. If interested, write directly to Ralph Hinde at 225-30 106th Ave., Queens Village - Jamaica, NY 11429. Postage for the 10 sheets is 28¢.

= VIENNA ELEVATOR TOKENS =  
By F.J. Bingen

In THE FARE BOX of 1965 on page 190, Mr. Smith listed from his collection two tokens from Austria with the word AUFZUG on them. As this word means "elevator" or "lift" it was clear that these were elevator tokens. In addition, one of the tokens had an address on it: Dorotheerg[asse] 5, and as this is probably the most famous street in Vienna it was also clear to me that at least this token was used in the capital of Austria. Nevertheless these tokens were listed in the Unidentified section 11.

In THE FARE BOX of 1969 on page 33, Mr. Zerbes from Germany put these things right and identified these tokens by adding a third one to the two already known, a token with the address "Taborstrasse 11a."

Finally in THE FARE BOX of 1970 on page 85 was listed a token from my collection with the address Bechardgasse 17.

Three of these tokens bear the name of the issuing firm in abbreviation: A[ufzug] A. (&) B.G. and it was these four letters which intrigued me. For years I have tried to learn the meaning of these letters. Being in Vienna this spring, I visited the three addresses. The elevators are still there, but no tokens are being used now. The elevators operate after one inserts a Schilling coin in the slot. At none of the addresses, however (the Bechardgasse 17 is now a police station), was there any way to get information about the A.A. & B.G.

It was the Vienna Chamber of Commerce which, at last, satisfied my curiosity. The Aufzug-Automaten und Betriebsgesellschaft was founded in 1923 at the address Bechardgasse 17 (!!). And so the riddle was solved. Our elevator slot machine and operating company was not granted a long life. It was closed down February 5, 1931, and probably the tokens have not been used much longer after that.

Although the company existed only for a bit less than eight years, it is most probable that it also issued tokens with other address in addition to those already known to exist.

As many of our readers do not have access to the old listings I give here a recapitulation of these four tokens:

VIENNA 840

	AUFZUG I. DOROTHEERG. 5 (TRIANGLE NOTCH IN EDGE)
QAo B 20 Sd	(blank)
	AUFZUG A. & B.G. (TRIANGLE NOTCH IN EDGE)
QBo B 20 Sd	(blank)
QCo B 20 Sd	Aufzug II. Taborstrasse 11a
	A.A.B.G. WIEN III. BECHARDGASSE 17 (STAMPED NUMERAL)
QDo B 21 Sd	(same as obverse)

I should draw the attention of our readers to the fact that these tokens were transferred from Section 11 to Section 3 (bridge tokens). I am unable to learn why this done, since Rome elevator tokens are listed in section 2, and consistency would suggest that these also be in section 2.

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= A.V.A. TREASURER'S REPORT =

The following is a resumé of Mr. Frisbee's report presented to the Los Angeles Convention: Cash on hand 7/1/74, \$2,108.17. Expenses, \$3,700.96 (of which \$3,484.29 was for The Fare Box, and \$100.16 for the AVA Roster). Income \$3,823.44. Accumulated interest from the Life Membership Fund, \$1,924.09. In Life Membership Fund, \$2902.40. Cash on hand as of this report was \$6,740.37 including the Life Membership Fund which may not be touched, and interest on that fund which should only be touched in case of emergency. So we are roughly just breaking even, but with the proposed postage hike, we won't come close to breaking even for 1976. Fortunately the Catalogue Fund, which is limited only for publishing ventures, is independent and in good shape, with over \$7,000 additional, reserved for publishing catalogues and the like.

NEW SWEDISH CATALOGUE  
by Kenneth E. Smith

On August 1, 1975, there was issued in Malmo, Sweden a new book on Swedish tokens by Ingvar Ehnbohm. On August 2nd a copy was airmailed to me and was on exhibit at the A.V.A. convention. In the 19th Century there was great interest in Swedish tokens of all types and they were listed in Stiernstedt 1872 catalogue and some volumes of the Numismetiska Meddelander, all of which are scarce books today. In the last 75 years there has been little information issued in Sweden on Swedish tokens of any kind. There has been an awakening interest in Sweden in their tokens and it is hoped that this book is the first in a series of books. This book is entirely in Swedish and is titled SVENSKA POLLETTER GENOM TIDERN MED AVBILDNINGAR AV INGVAR EHNBOHM and is 120 pages with dimensions of 5 3/4 inches by 8 1/4 inches and is a paperback book slightly over 1/4 inch thick. It sells for 55 Swedish Kronor (to American Collectors), which is in U.S. money \$13.75 and is sold by Malmo Mynthandel A B at Kalendegatan 9 in 21135 Malmo, Sweden. It comes with a separate 7 page pricelist which has very high prices compared to my prices for 19th century transportation tokens. There are 1192 tokens listed of which less than 10 percent are transportation tokens. Most of the tokens are pictured for the first time in any Swedish catalogues. The 19th Century catalogues did not picture tokens. Almost all the pictures are of tokens in the Malmo Museum with some pictures of tokens in the author's and his friends collections. If you are a collector of Swedish non transportation 19th Century tokens this book is an invaluable aid as many of these tokens were crudely done with simple inscriptions. Comparison of the tokens with the book pictures informs you as to which tokens you own.

It seems that most of the Avesta listings in the Stiernstedt 1872 catalogue were based upon the tokens in the Malmo Museum which are now pictured in this book. The Stiernstedt book had very sparse descriptions and looking at the pictures of these tokens, they are a crudely done lot of tokens mostly with a letter or two or a simple pictured device. In other words although some of these may be road tokens they do not meet minimum A.V.A. standards for listing as a transportation item. Very little new information concerning tokens is in the book that was not in the 19th Century token books. Andrarums recently acquired a museum and in its artifacts is a set of 95A, B, and C and some information. It appears that 95A and 95C were tokens given to workers for certain amounts of work and that 95B was only a ride token. Of course they accepted 95A and 95C as payment toward a ride which caused a certain amount of confusion in previous records. In line with A.V.A. practices therefore 95B will be retained in the catalogue and 95A and 95C deleted. Those of you who are now stuck with 95A or 95C do not have to worry as I will buy them for several times my catalogue and trade them to Swedish collectors of non transportation tokens. The transportation tokens he listed which are not in my book are per his numbers (1) Number 101, a Dala-Ockelbo Jarnvag token which is pictured and it is just an A over a 9 both stamped on a steel square blank. This item will not be listed as it does not meet minimum listing standards. (2) Numbers 234 and 235, two Goteborg NYA Angslups Aktiebolog brass octagon 50 and 60 ore tokens. The 60 on the 60 ore token looks like it was stamped over another number. Dimensions not given on these two pictured tokens. They will be listed, when we can get somebody to check these tokens as to dimensions, reverses, and what the 60 was over stamped over. (3) Number 331 is a listed and pictured set of 4 bus tokens used by the Kanonfabrik of Jonkopings. The obverses show wings with a crown above and J.K.F. below and numbers in the center. The four numbers are 10, 100, 1, and 2. Sizes and metals and reverses are not given. Will list these items when that information becomes available.

(4) Numbers 453 and 454 are two tokens of the Malmo-Limhamn-jarnvagen used from 1890 to 1915. I recently acquired a set of these from a Swedish collector and they will soon be listed with discovery credit to him. (5) Number 1058, is a CvLinne brass ferry token of Sundsvalls and it is pictured, but without dimensions. I have one of these, I think, among my miscellaneous and when I find it, I will list with dimensions. (6) Numbers 1166 and 1167 are from Atvidabergs. Number 1166 is pictured and is like 110A but without the small L. Number 1167 is pictured and is like 110A but with a small B instead of a small L. These are two new listings for our book.

The following is a comparison list, where I list his number and the corresponding world transportation catalogue number, as an aid to the purchasers of this book

<u>HIS</u>	<u>WORLD</u>	<u>HIS</u>	<u>WORLD</u>	<u>HIS</u>	<u>WORLD</u>
7	95B	773	820RC	935	820AB
59	120A	774	820RB	936	820AC
172	220AM	778	820AY	937	820GO
204	240DA	779	820CC	938	820AG
205	240DJ	795	820RA	939	820HJ
206	240DK	803	820A	940	820FN
219	320RD	804	820G	941	820GL
233	240CF	805	820H	942	820FP
236	240BT	806	820J	943	820EA
237	240CG	807	820M	944	820BW
238	240CA	808	820S	945	820DN
239	240BX	809	820U	946	820LW
240	240BN	810	820V	947	820LY
241	240BG	811	820AN	948	820OE
282	300B	812	820AO	1049	830N
283	300E	813	820AQ	1050	830CF
284	300AG	814	820AT	1051	830BD
333	360AD	831	820KV	1052	830BV
334	360AC	836	820KN	1053	830BN
335	360C	837	820JP	1054	830CH
336	360B	838	820KK	1055	830AS
344	400AG	839	820KE	1056	830 o
345	400AK	840	820KC	1057	830AF
347	400A	841	820KB	1093	800B
348	400B	910	820CX	1094	800AK
349	400C	911	820BP	1095	800AV
350	400D	912	820BQ	1096	800BA
445	500C	913	820BR	1097	800BI
469	530C	930	820EA		
470	530J	931	820EB	1100	810A
471	530M	932	820AE	1130	870AI
768	820IF	933	820AF	1148	875A
769	820IG	934	820AA	1149	875B

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= SUPPLEMENT #1 TO PERSONAL TOKENS OF VECTURISTS =  
By J.M. Coffee

WM. E. EISENBERG 3728 MAYFAIR ST. PGH., PA. 15204 AVA NO. 111  
111 A Pr 38 Sd Collector of Transportation Tokens (streetcar, type 2)

JOHN G. NICOLosi 3002 GALINDO ST., OAKLAND, CA 94601  
NEW ISSUES SERVICE 20 YEARS 1955- -1975  
GOOD FOR ONE NEW ISSUE IN 1975

116 F A 40 Sd Collector of Tokens Transportation - Parking - Military -  
Car Wash - California & Nevada Merchants AVA L116 - NEVA 20 -  
TAMS 236 - METCA 12 CANTS 34 CATTC 4 [200]  
116 G B 40 Sd (same as F) [100]

DUANE H. FEISEL 415-941-2690 P.O. BOX 1302 LOS ALTOS, CA 94022  
312 F Pr 38 Sd Good For 50¢ Toward Trade Checks Name Plates Hotel/Motel  
Key Tags Check Room Checks Badges, Etc.  
312 G Pg 38 Sd (same as F)  
312 H Pb 38 Sd "  
312 I Pe 38 Sd "  
312 J Pw 38 Sd "

DUANE H. FEISEL TEL. 415-941-2690 P.O. BOX 1302 LOS ALTOS, CA  
94022 WEST COAST REPRESENTATIVE MEYER & WENTHE CHICAGO, ILL.  
312 K A 39 Sd California Salutes American Revolution Bicentennial  
1776 200 Years 1976 (bear, wreath, banner)  
312 L B 39 Sd (same as K)  
312 M Dz 39 Sd "  
312 N WM 39 Sd "

\*\*\* LIMITED EDITION \*\*\* DUANE H. FEISEL, P.O. BOX 1302,  
LOS ALTOS, CAL. 1.33 TROY OZ. 18 CARAT GOLD CONTAINS  
ONE TROY OZ. GOLD SERIAL NO.  
312 O B 39 Sd (same reverse as 312 K)  
312 P B 39 Sd Nevada Salutes American Revolution Bicentennial  
1776 200 Years 1976 (animal with 2 horns, wreath, banner)

*(O and P are patterns for solid gold tokens which will be struck with the  
above California and Nevada reverses, as well as many others.)*

E.L. DENCE A.V.A. 412 PHILA., PA. 19136  
412 G Pe Sq Sd Collector of Dept. Store Charge Coins and Phila. Tokens (28mm)  
412 H Pw Sq Sd (same as G)  
412 I Pr Sq Sd "

R.B. CARTER AVA #461 WELCOME TO THE 25th CONVENTION  
LOS ANGELES 1975  
461 B Pw 38 Sd Collector of Transportation Tokens (streetcar, type 2)  
479 D A 32 Sd [same as 479 A, but aluminum]

AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL 1776 1976 DON McKELVEY (LIBERTY BELL)  
592 D Pb 38 Sd 2822-19th Ave. Port Huron, Mich. 48060 Wanted Michigan Tokens  
Also Tokens Made to Order [blue lettering on straw-color token]

N.E. SHERMAN TOKENS WANTED 4295 MARINA DRIVE  
611 A Po 38 Sd Santa Barbara Calif. 93105 (horsecar)

B.R. ROGERS AVA #632 3651 SEWELLS PT. RD. NORFOLK, VA. 23513  
632 B Pr 38 Sd Collector of Transportation Tokens (streetcar, type 2)

MICHAEL R. PENDER 148 POPLAR ST. GARDEN CITY, NY 11530  
TAMS - TEC - AVA - METAMS - MEC - NEVA - METCA ANA WFCS  
1776 BICENTENNIAL 1976 (CROSSED FLAGS)

953 B Bz Ov Sd (blank) [rolled out on Lincoln cent]

HAL DUNN CARSON CITY NEVADA TWENTY FIVE YEARS OF COLLECTING  
1949 \* 1974

1111 D B 30 Sd P.O. Box 114, Carson City, Nev. Token & Trade Mirror Collector  
California & Nevada (Sc-cloverleaf)

MARVIN SIMON 10 GALLUP ST. WESTERLY, R.I. 02891

1257 B Pe Sq Sd Collector of All Rhode Island Tokens (28mm)

1257 C Pw Sq Sd " " " " " " " "

PAGE MANN 484 CATESBY LANE WILLIAMSBURG, VA. 23185  
U.S. TOKEN COLLECTOR

1544 A Pb 38 Sd I Specialize in Virginia Tokens and Medals

DON FINCH P.O. BOX 466 VISALIA, CAL. 93277 COLLECTOR OF  
COWBOY MOVIE STARS PINBACKS - DECODERS RINGS - TOKENS

1571 A B 38 St-sc The Kings of the Cowboys The Reel West Was Best Roy Rogers  
Gene Autry Buck Jones Tom Mix William S. Hart  
"Bronco Billy" Anderson

#### CORRECTIONS

- 14 D - add quantity (100); 14 E - add quantity (1,000)
- 335 E - on Rev. remove S to make it read NUMISMATIST
- 341 A - it should be blue plastic, 38mm (Pb 38 Sd) and not "(Pr 32 Sd)"
- 375 B - on Obv., SAILOR appears twice: "HARRY SAILOR SAILOR GUN SHOP" etc.
- 402 B - also comes rolled out on U.S. cent or a tax token
- 431 R - to Rev. add OAKLAND CALIF. (TROLLEY)
- 449 A - on Obv. there is a picture of a (TROLLEY)
- 552 A - is rectangular, not oval, so make it "B Ob Sd"; add quantities: 552 A (200),  
B (100), C (105), D (125), and 12 in sterling silver.

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= NOVEMBER NEW ISSUES SERVICE REPORT =  
By John G. Nicolosi

Two tokens for November: Mass 115 AH, the beautiful NENA tour token, for which we are grateful to Elliot Goldberg (NENA Exec. Secy.) and Duane Feisel. And second the potato chip token of Wichita. Our thanks to J.W. Baum for reporting this one, and to John Coffee who did the corresponding with the potato chip company that resulted in our being able to purchase a supply of them. In order to supply us, the company had to retrieve some of these tokens from bags of potato chips, so a few actually have a little salt left on them.

Unfortunately I still don't have the Mo 440 W, promised last month. But they've promised to send them and we'll have them soon. In its place we'll send you Pa 805 A, thanks to Richard Bright for getting them for us. Another "805" token was also issued and we expect to have it for you soon.

All those on my "No 1000's" list will not receive the potato chip token, so if you do want one let me know.

I don't like to mail tokens during the Christmas rush in December, but if I get some anticipated tokens they will be sent out about the same time as this (November) issue of The Fare Box, and that will constitute our "December sending."

If you send me a check, please make it out to "John G. Nicolosi" and not to the New Issues Service, as I have no account in the latter name. This is very important. Welcome this month to Susanna Lewis to our Associate Membership list.

Merry Christmas to all AVA members and their families!



= A LETTER FROM SYD JOSEPH =

As a postscript to the article on "The Day the Pa 750 AE was Used" by Fred Kramer: many of us in AVA recognize the name Fred Kramer as a relatively new member. However, Fred's exposure to transportation goes back many years. For example when Fred's name first appeared as a new applicant I had a vague feeling that I knew him, but couldn't pinpoint the actual meeting. After pondering the point for a while I recalled seeing his name below a photo in the June, 1972, Calendar issued by the Electric Railroaders Assn.

It was after exchanging a few letters with Fred that I learned that he was the co-author of the book *Bells and Whistles in Old Pennsylvania*. The book jacket revealed the following bit of Fred's background and it's always nice to have someone like him as a fellow collector:

"Fred finds himself equally at ease in his professional assignments in technical computer work with an electric utility as in his avocation of exploring the vineyards of railroad history. He is Past President of the New Jersey Region Antique Automobile Club of America and a collector of transportation memorabilia."

As a former Philadelphian I most certainly enjoyed Fred's description on the background of Pa 750 AE--can almost feel like I was there for the celebration. Although my specimen of Pa 750 AE isn't gold-plated, and wasn't obtained at the actual site, I'm as proud of it as if I had been there.

My main reason for writing is to bring this article to the attention of all our members. Maybe it will give others the incentive to write about their favorite token, and this is the real reason we belong, to share our hobby.

Incidentally, when Fred admitted it was his photo of the Fairmount Park trolley appearing in the June 1972 calendar, he also mentioned that another of our members also had a photo which appeared on the cover page of the 1970 calendar. Sorry, Len Paul, I didn't recognize you!

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= NOVEMBER MEETING IN NEW YORK =  
By Ralph A. Hinde

Through the courtesy of the Long Island Coin Club, the North East Vecturist Assn. held its November 8 meeting at the New York Sheraton Hotel in conjunction with the Grand Central Coin Convention. Twenty-two members and guests mingled in the Board Room, spacious, well-lighted, roomy, comfortable, we never had it so good.

In addition to our own regular attendance, five Philadelphia visitors joined us, a few of the Long Island Coin Club members, and three outside visitors. We hope to gain two members for AVA as well as NEVA.

Our NEVA meetings seldom entail any club business, or specialized sessions, in keeping with our policy of keeping the time for our members and guests to search out tokens for their collections. With the extra collectors on hand, this action was increased; no complaints were heard, just the wish that this was what all meetings should be like. I keep repeating the simple fact: you'll never know what you are missing if you are not there.

In addition to our own group action, all of us inspected the convention bourse room, where many dealers had a variety of numismatic items on display. As usual our type of tokens were not too prominent, but there were some available.

In the afternoon the new Metropolitan Token & Medal group held their meeting, which some of us attended. As an idea we might try to arrange for displays of transit tokens at one of their future meetings. It can't hurt us by expanding our exposure.

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On October 23, a disaster hit Philadelphia when some fifty streetcars were destroyed by fire at the Woodland Depot in Southwest Philadelphia. Twenty of the destroyed trolleys had recently been refurbished at a cost of \$18,000 apiece. Buses have replaced the streetcars in service.

= NOVEMBER SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE =  
By Ralph Freiberg

ARKANSAS

Little Rock 480 (Reported by N.I.S. & Joel Reznick)  
DOWNTOWN IS UPTOWN (LOGO)  
U B 22 Sd Little Rock Unlimited Progress, Inc.  
In Downtown Little Rock, Arkansas  
For Bus Ride, Cab Fare & Parking (\* 1975) \$0.30

CALIFORNIA

San Diego 745 (Reported by M&W & Henry Krause)  
SAN DIEGO TRANSIT  
X B 23 S-sc Good For One Student Fare (\* 8/75) .25

ILLINOIS

Carthage 122 (Reported by Tom Wall [but owned by non-member])  
WOLFE'S TRANS. / CO. / CARTHAGE, / ILL.  
B o A Oc Sd (same as obverse) (21mm) 7.50

KANSAS

McPherson 640 (Reported by J.W. Baum to John Coffee)  
ED STRAHAN / BUS / & / BAGGAGE / TRANSFER / LINE / McPHERSON, KAN.  
F o B 25 Sd (blank) 7.50  
Wichita 970 (Reported by J.W. Baum)  
STA-KRISP (incuse in logo) POTATO CHIPS  
M Pb 44 Sd Fun-Chip Good For Free Rides at Joyland Park .15

MASSACHUSETTS

Boston 115 (Reported by Elliot Goldberg)  
1975 N.E.N.A. CONFERENCE BOSTON \$3.75 1975  
Aho B 38 Sd Good For Historic Tour 1975 (design) 2.00

MICHIGAN

Monroe 650 (Reported by Paul Cunningham)  
GOOD FOR / ONE / RIDE / M.C.W. / NO. 2 & 8  
B o WM 25 Sd 5 (surrounded by stars) 7.50  
[M.C.W. = Mose C. Willetts]

PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia 750 (Reported by various members, Sam James, Ed Dence, Joel Reznick)  
ONE (LOGO) FARE SCHOOL TOKEN (OPEN BOOK) SEPTA  
AW WM 20 Sd One Fare School Token (school house) (\* 9/75) .20  
SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
AX B 23 Sd Good For One Fare (logo) (\* 10/27/75) .35  
Reading 805 (Reported by Richard K. Bright)  
BERKS AREA READING TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY BARTA  
A B 23 Sd Good For One Fare Barta (\* 10/20/75) .40

= NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG =

We varied our normal practice last month, and went ahead and listed a token before we got it. We still don't have it--the Kansas City token. They returned our personal check and demanded a certified one, and upped the price by 5¢ to we are now paying 45¢ a token for them. But they have now promised them and they ought to be here any day now. Some tokens involve a lot of trouble!

A report on the Little Rock token appeared in COIN WORLD, and thanks to a phone

call by Joel Reznick they agreed to sell us a quantity for N.I.S. The token is good a bus ride, or 30¢ towards parking fee, or 30¢ toward taxi fare. A three-way token! It is available only from downtown merchants in Little Rock.

San Diego raised fares August 1, 1975, and a new token came out when the school fare went from 20¢ to 25¢. We learned of this one thru the Meyer & Wenthe records, and Henry Krause was able to get our supply of them.

The Carthage, Ill., token corresponds to Ill 122 A. Tom Wall got a rubbing and sent it to me.

The McPherson, KS, token isn't owned by Mr. Baum (or by Mr. Coffee). It belongs to a non-member, but Mr. Baum sent a rubbing to Mr. Coffee.

The Wichita potato chip token was mentioned on page 133 of the October Fare Box, and the company agreed to sell us a quantity, after Mr. Coffee wrote them. There was also an earlier "fun chip" same size, but it was also good for things besides rides, so we shall not list it. But this one is exclusively for rides. The tokens were put in bags of potato chips as a sales gimmick, and some of our tokens still had traces of salt on them!

The New England Numismatic Association conference was held in Boston November 7-9, 1975, and after it was over we got our supply for N.I.S. If any non-NIS member wants to buy one, John Nicolosi will have a few extras. A few silver presentation pieces of this token were also struck, and these will be made available to any AVA member who wants to pay the price.

Mose C. Willets was a city hack driver in Monroe, MI, and operated the hack from railroads depots to the Park Hotel about 1905-6.

Some 3,500,000 of the adult SEPTA tokens were made in 1972. We knew they would be used sooner or later and reserved a number. But now we have two SEPTA tokens, and we want to keep them together. *So please change the number for the APPELATE'S token listed in December 1974 from Pa 750 AW to AV. Then the two new SEPTA tokens fit together as 750 AW and AX.* The new school tokens (AW) are being used along with the older school tokens, 750 AO AP AQ. At first, because of this, we thought we'd have trouble getting a quantity of the new school token. But they saved our old letter about the adult token, and Joel Reznick's phone call jogged their memory, and they very kindly saw to it we got our supply of both new tokens in pristine condition. We knew about the adult tokens for three years, and had to wait till they used them, of course, before we listed them. The fare in Philadelphia is 35¢, and the token is good on streetcars and buses, as well as on Red Arrow cars. The old 16mm Philadelphia tokens are supposed to have been destroyed. See listing under Upper Darby 935 for listings of another company absorbed by SEPTA on January 29, 1970.

On the bottom of page 111 of the September 1975 Fare Box Mr. Coffee mentioned the new school token as brass, but this was his error. They're all white metal. The adult tokens were struck by Meyer & Wenthe. The school tokens (1,500,000) were made by Osborne Coinage Co. of Cincinnati. SEPTA has also ordered one million Bicentennial tokens which will go into use this coming January, and we expect to have no trouble buying our supply of these as well.

John Nicolosi always tries to buy a few extra tokens, beyond those necessary to supply his 100 "regular" NIS members and 50 "associate" members. These extras are offered in his ads each month. But as we are flooded with new issues, John is tying up more and more money in these extras. We hope non-NIS members will buy a lot of these, because John is running out of money and if he can't move what he has he won't be able to buy these extras in the future.

Richard Bright was able to obtain the Reading token for us, and even though he is not an NIS member he went out of his way to help us. He added that when the bus company was taken over by the new BARTA it had the dubious distinction of having the oldest fleet of buses in Pennsylvania. Since they they've received a new fleet of GMC buses. The M&W records also indicate a 16mm token was made for BARTA and we hope to get them. BARTA took over Reading Bus Co. in late 1973 or January 1974.

We have an interesting situation in a number of tokens where a token given only one catalogue listing actually comes in two die varieties, one of which was struck by one company, and the other variety by a different manufacturer. For instance, Ohio 230 L. The older token was made by an earlier token manufacturer, whom we shall call "A" company. This older version has dots on the reverse. Then the later variety of

this token, made by "B" company, has no dots. The token with dots would have been used on streetcars; the one without dots only on buses. I believe "A" company in this case was Scoville Mfg. Co. of Waterbury, CT, and "B" company was Meyer & Wenthe.

I believe Scoville stopped making tokens in the early 1950's, probably right after they made their share of the 16mm New York subway tokens. As a number of bus lines had been using Scoville-made tokens, when they needed more tokens they could not go to Scoville after 1953, so they had to go elsewhere. This is why we have these interesting die varieties of "A" and "B" companies. Now there are probably a lot of these new die varieties made by a different firm which I don't know about, as I got most of my common tokens before 1950, as did most of the older collectors like Mr. Coffee and Mr. Ford. So I'd be interested in hearing from collectors who have die varieties on some of these 16mm tokens.

Harry Porter of Louisville is the one who brought the Dayton situation to my attention. He also mentioned that Ind 630 C has been put back into use as a school token. These were sitting there in a sack for about 20 years and then brought out and used. They look like the work of an older company and I doubt if any more were needed. This line operates from New Albany to Louisville over the bridge, and it is also known as the Daisy Line. It's operated by the same company that runs Home Transit.

Someone reported to John Coffee that Roanoke, VA, had plated their tokens, but a letter from Greater Roanoke Transit Co., now doing business as "Valley Metro," (which assumed operations March 23, 1975) said their tokens were never plated and they are still using the tokens of the older company, Va 730 C.

There are some other possibilities of plated tokens and we are waiting to hear from them. If anyone knows whether Albany, NY, ever plated their tokens please let me know. I cannot list a plated token till I get confirmation, as lots of tokens are plated by other companies by mistake.

T.H. Robinson of Pine Bluff, AR, writes to ask why AR 150 F, listed in October, is given only \$7.50 value. Our policy in the Supplements is to mark everything down one notch, thus the top possible value in a Supplement is \$7.50, and this is because on such newly discovered tokens we're wary of the possibility of more of them showing up. Anyway our catalogue values, as you all know, are somewhat conservative and the difference between a \$7.50 and a \$10 value by us is not too important in the actual selling values of old tokens, which sell for \$50 to \$100 and even more these days.

Mr. Robinson also sent along some interesting information on the depotel tokens of Camden, AR. Chidester & Pickett operated a livery stable hack line from 1890 to 1894 (F.B. Chidester and Hugh Pickett). F.B. Chidester operated the line alone from 1894 to 1896. Chidester & Young operated the line from 1896 to 1899 (Jeff Young, F.B.'s son-in-law). Then from 1899 to 1916, W.P. Chidester (William P.) operated the line. W.P. was the son of F.B. So this pretty clearly dates the usage of the tokens issued by the Chidesters of Camden, Arkansas. The livery stable was located from 1887 to 1916 on the corner of Madison & Van Buren Streets. The corner is now occupied by the Camden Daily News.

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= AN OLD CELLULOID TOKEN FROM COLUMBIA =

Gene Skoglund recently sent us a Xerox copy of a couple pages from the Street Railway Journal of 1888 (as reissued by Traction Heritage recently). Included is a small news item:

*"The accompanying illustrations represent the full size, face and reverse sides of the celluloid railway checks manufactured by the Celluloid Novelty Company. They are a substitute for tickets, transfer tickets and small change, being light, handsome and manufactured in six colors, and with the name of any street railway company as desired. They are now being used by the St. Paul & Minneapolis Street Railway, the Atlanta (Ga.) Street Railway and many other roads."*

The token pictured is a beauty and could be from either Tennessee or South Carolina as firms of that name operated in Columbias in both those states in 1888. No color is given for the token, however. Description is as follows:

COLUMBIA STREET RAILWAY CO. ONE FARE

C 23 Sd (streetcar) (8 stars)

BAHRAIN (off the East Coast of Arabia)

Awali 80 (Reported by Don Capper (A'C'E) and Yosef Sa'ar (C'D'E))

THE BAHRAIN PETROLEUM CO., LTD.

A	P	24	Ch	Bus Token	Zone No. 1	(black)	.50
C	P	24	Ch	"	"	3 (white)	.50

THE BAHRAIN PETROLEUM CO., LTD.

D	P	24	Ch	Bus Token	Zone No. 1	(black)	.50
E	P	24	Ch	"	"	2 (red)	.50

*The assumption is made that the error tokens (A,C, and possibly a B) were received first, and placed into use, and then more tokens (D,E, and possibly F) were also ordered and used. Many Americans are employed in these oil fields, so if any AVA member has a relative or friend working over there, please if possible ask him to get a quantity of these tokens for our New Issues Service.*

GERMANY (Reported by G. Fritz)

Halberstadt 375

STRASSENBAHN HALBERSTADT

P	o	B	Rt	Sd	Dienst-Marke	(24x13mm)(ends curved outwards)	1.00
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Hildesheim 410

STÄDT. STRASSENBAHN HILDESHEIM

M	o	Z	Oc	Sd	Magistrats-Beamten-Marke	(21mm)	1.00
N	o	S	Oc	Sd	"	"	1.00

Offenbach 752

STAEDT. STRASSENBAHN OFFENBACH A/M (in a square)

C	o	B	Oc	Pc	10	(in a square)(20mm)	1.00
D	o	Z	Oc	Pc	10	" (21mm)	1.00
E	o	B	Oc	Pc	15	" (24mm)	1.00
F	o	Z	Oc	Pc	15	" (22mm)	1.00

Plauen 772

MARKE FÜR POSTBEAMTE STRASSENBAHN PLAUEN

L	o	Z	Ob	Sd	(same as obverse)(nickel-plated)(23x20mm)(rounded ends)	1.00
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BEAMTEN-MARKE STADTRATH PLAUEN A.E.G. STRASSENBAHN PLAUEN

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ELEKTRISCHE STRASSENBAHN STRALSUND ARBEITER MARKE (STREETCAR)

B	o	K	Ob	Ch	Gültig Nur An Werktagen Morgens Bis 8 Uhr Mittags 12-1½"	
					Abends 5-7½" (24mm)	1.00

*Remember, please, when you report new discoveries, in addition to giving the exact wording, spelling, and punctuation, to send RUBBINGS or PHOTOGRAPHS. This is essential to insure accurate listings. Please keep the listings coming.*

WANTED: TOKENS FROM ONLY Conn., Mass., Maine, N.H., R.I., Vt. Have many trades. Please send your list for mine.

Charles F. Raisch - 31 Green Manor Rd. - Enfield, CT 06082

FOR SALE: Tex 255 Q in PNC, a first-day cover postmarked Aug. 16, 1970. Price \$10. Our latest auction and retail listing of the Robert McKee collection is in the mail. Are you on our mailing list?

Paul A. Cunningham - Box 1 - Tecumseh, MI 49286

FOR TRADE: Mandolis Club Saloon, Globe, Ariz; Minn 540 D; Md 60 AN; Ia 640 Sa; Fla 860 A; Cal 575 Ab; Alas 800 A. Will trade for Colo. merchant tokens, Nebraska saloons, Iowa & S.D. merchant tokens, or Colo 300 E, 340 C, 440 B C, 540 B C.

Lee Nott - 631 Osage Drive - Papillion, NE 68046

FOR BEST TRADE IN U.S. TT's: Rebate Check/24¢/The Den/U.A. Schabel/Goldfield, Nevada/Rev. bust of Washington. Br. Rd. Also have 3 brass tokens. Salem g/f 1 stick powder, Sq. g/f 1 exploder, oct. g/f 3 sticks powder, rd. Reverse blank & holed as made on all Philip Mandel - 131 S. Harvey St. - Oak Park, IL 60302

THE HIGH ROLLERS took advantage of my offer in the September Fare Box. Still have some left. Trading 30 diff. TT's for \$1.50 face value U.S. or Canadian pre-1964 silver coins or 20 diff. for \$1 worth. Multiples welcome.

Bud Nelson - 1418 Rebecca Dr. - Rockford, IL 61107

FLORIDA, ST. AUGUSTINE, 860 A only \$1.00.

Ben Odesser - 6332 N. Richmond St. - Chicago, IL 60659

STILL NEED CALIF 320 F H I to finish set. Will buy or trade. Still have my personal for trade. = Sol Halpern - 1032 N. Screenland - Burbank, CA 91505

FOR SALE: Parking token collection of 870 different pieces, catalogue value approximately \$230.00. Best offer over \$450.00 plus shipping.

Ralph A. Hinde - 225-30 106th Ave., Queens Village - Jamaica, NY 11429

FOR SALE: 50¢ each: AZ 840 E; CA 435 B; IL 510 A; KY 10 P, 480 Ra Rb; MO 440 J. 25¢ each: IL 130 F, 665 A; KS 940 N. \$1. 880:A \$30. Ind 90 A \$2; Ky 480 S \$1.50; OH 790 A \$50. 165 N \$7, 515 C \$1; Mo 665 A \$80; Md 300 A \$3; Ky 510 O \$5; NY 905 F \$3. SASE. = Lee Schumacher - 10609 Eastern - Kansas City, MO 64134

HAVE SEVERAL THOUSANDS of 15¢ TT's to sell at 10¢ each, my choice, not be over ten of each in a lot limit 100 tokens to a customer. Will mix as many diff. as I can.

B.R. Rogers - 3651 Sewells Point Road - Norfolk, VA 23513

TRADE EACH FOR A TT of equal cat. value. Prefer ILL. but will consider trades for other state tokens: IL 150 R W, 200 C D, 385 A, 795 D.

Ernest Mehnert - 819 W. Washington St. - Champaign, IL 61820

FOR SALE PLUS POSTAGE: Ark 480 U 45¢; Cal 615 C 25¢, 745 X 40¢; CT 210 C 45¢, D 45¢; Ga 60 U 2 vars. 75¢ set; Ill 270 E 40¢, 535 B 40¢, 551 A 40¢; Kans 970 M 15¢; Mass 115 AH \$2.25; Minn 80 A 75¢; NH 615 A 40¢; NJ 710 C D \$1.25 each; NY 35 I J 40¢ each, 695 F H 40¢ each, 760 D 40¢, 980 B 50¢; Ohio 535 A 35¢ (as many as you want), 770 A B 35¢ each, 985 A 35¢; Pa 750 AW 35¢, AX 50¢, 805 A 55¢, 875 B 65¢, 985 J 45¢, K 35¢; Tenn 20 D \$1.15, E 80¢; Tex 320 G 25¢; Wis 360 P 45¢, Q 35¢, 700 I 45¢; BC 825 A 40¢

John G. Nicolosi - 3002 Galindo Street - Oakland, CA 94601

TRADE LIST #3 -- merchant, tax, amusement, and miscellaneous tokens and other items; all items for trade only for TT's. Please send name & address + 10¢ stamp for list (I have the envelopes) = Greg Prgomet - P.O. Box 87 - Greensburg, PA 15601

ROICE BREAKING UP coin collection, now offering U.S. and foreign for your duplicates and surplus tokens that I can use. Cents thru half dollars, dates 1892 thru 1964, many prior to 1892. Write stating what you need with offer in tokens.

Roice V. Rider - 1523 Bailey St. - Lansing, MI 48910

CENSUS TRANSP. TOKENS. Best offer cash or trade or a combination of both: Calif 775 A (a painted cell), Wash 590 A and S.D. 370 A (rev. variety - slash of ¢ on rev. points up to "O" above). Also have Civil War token transp. issues Ohio 166 B and the old Ind 995 A listing (Wolf Creek Pike) for sale or trade.

Harold V. Ford - 6641 Saroni Drive - Oakland, CA 94611

FOR SALE: Ohio 520 A, \$5.00 postpaid or I will trade even for any N.J. Good For trade tokens with city & state or any N.J. encased cent before 1956. Several deals available. I will also purchase outright all N.J. trade tokens & encased coins. Write for offer. = Herbert Weiss - Box 363 - Cranford, NJ 07016

FOR SALE TO HIGHEST BIDDER: Mississippi 720 B.

Marie A. Johnson - Route 2 - Clinton, MI 49236

TRADE: Blythe, CA, car wash token (unlisted) (Ford will list as Cal 85 A), 28mm brass MAGIC WAND/CAR WASH/25¢ in value/291 N. Main/Blythe/Calif. (reverse blank) (4/73).

Also other TT's, merchant, parking & Misc. tokens for TT's I need.

Harry K. Nicholls - 2598 West 21st Lane - Yuma, AZ 85364

FOR TRADE: complete set Kansas 980 A B C D E for any TT cataloguing \$1.00 or over.

William E. Friese - 9334 Cromwell Drive - Pittsburgh, PA 15237

TRADE: Cal 760 B for any Illinois TT of equal value; also considered, merchant, parking, car wash tokens of Illinois.

D. Frank Elam - Box 174 - Harvey, IL 60426

AVAILABLE: original back issues of THE FARE BOX from 1950 to date. Most years complete. Send your want-list and I shall reply with prices of available issues.

Paul Targonsky - 23 Harrison St. - Meriden, CT 06450

WANTED: Your Personal Token. A limited number of my 3-F are available now, but only in EXCHANGE for yours. No SASE is necessary. Upon receipt of yours, I'll send mine as long as the supply lasts. Please move fast so you don't miss out.

Max M. Schwartz - 2920 Point East Drive, N-501 - Miami, FL 33160

ALASKA BOOSTERS ASSOCIATION 1962 \$1 trade token gilt unc. 39mm Gould #1, page 161, will trade for 20 diff. common world coins and/or tokens.

Dan Rusnak - Box 327 - Sparks, NV 89431

WILL TRADE SET of Ill. 205 A B C for any one 15¢ or 25¢ TT I need or will sell set for \$1.50. Set of Tenn 20 for \$8.00. Still have a few former census TT NC 700 A for trade. Would like to exchange trade lists.

W.G. Garrison - 9505 Normandy Ave. - Morton Grove, IL 60053

HAVE FL 930 C & D, want FL 930 B; Ky 150 A C D F G I; MI 75 A B C K; NY 230 D J, 760 C, 995 B C. Highest offer for KY 510 BC & BF (2 of each). Have both varieties of OH 230 L listed or mentioned this month. DATA LIST FOR TROLLEYBUSES (dates of operation, company names, fleet rosters for all cities, manufacturers' production lists, etc.) 75 pages, \$5.50 ppd.

Harry R. Porter - 1042 Bardstown Road - Louisville, KY 40204

WILL TRADE my 25 diff. stamps from 12 diff. countries (Cuba, Paraguay, Guatemala, Canada, Costa Rica, Venezuela, Argentina, Mexico, Brazil, Spain, Haiti & Portugal) for your 5 diff. TT's.

Pedro Chiclana Rosario - 220 St. J.A. 18 Country Club - Rio Piedras, PR 00924

AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER: FL 220 E, 380 C P; IL 1000 B; IN 460 H; KY 510 AE AG AV; MI 225 M, 775 A; NY 631 S; NC 980 C; ND 320 B, 440 A; OH 80 B, 750 A; PA 295 A, 605 Bb, 645 A, 750 Z; Va 20 C; DC 500 D E O.

Edward L. Dence - 8627 Crispin Drive - Philadelphia, PA 19136

AVA 1968 Oakland Convention token, CAL 760 J, one for \$3, 2 for \$5. Only a few left.

Bill Williges - Box 445 - Wheatland, CA 95692

TRADE: car wash token Minn 700 A, Penn Ave. Pure, for Minn. merchant tokens I can use. = Dick Grinolds - 722 27th Avenue So., #7 - Minneapolis, MN 55454

WANTED: telephone tokens. Will pay top dollar or trade transp. or parking tokens for U.S. or foreign telephone tokens.

Gerald Johnson - 1921 Chase Street - Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

TRADE: United States stamps mint & used, 1851 to 1951, for transp., parking, taxi tokens & canada tokens, etc.

Frank E. Boldizar - 1700 Lyons Avenue - Lansing, MI 48910

FOR TRADE: ILL 135 D. Will trade for NJ 20 A B, 175 A, 290 B, 390 B C.

Bob Slawsky - P.O. Box 423 - Rockaway, NJ 07866

TRADE: FL 60 A, 540 C; OK 590 D, for any from Maine, Montana, Vermont, Saginaw, MI, Springfield, MO. = Kent Nunamaker - 7340 S.W. 11 St. - Miami, FL 33144

TRADE: W.Va. 590 A B, P.R. 640 D; Va 3660 B, for any other 25¢ token. Ohio 830 D E F

WVa 140 A B, Tenn 160 A, SC 3100 B C for any other 15¢ token. Parking or transp.

Oct. ad still good.

Joe Studebaker - 2614 Legare Street - Beaufort, SC 29902

HAVE Cal 3450 AE. Will trade even for any of the following: AZ 3640 F; AL 3560 A; CA 3450 Q or AQ; CO 3260 E. Have AZ 3780 B, will trade for AZ 3780 A. ALSO WANTED: January & February 1970 issues of THE FARE BOX.

William L. Carr - 2648 Pelton Ave. - Akron, OH 44314

CAR WASH TOKENS WANTED: La 320 A, 600 B, 670 A. Will buy or trade TT's or PT's or any of the La. car wash tokens listed for them. FOR TRADE: La 55 A, 185 A, 200 A, 210 A, 300 A, 490 A, 610 A, 710 A, 770 A, 910 A,B. Also will trade the La. car wash tokens for TT-PT-CW or La., Miss., Ala., merchant tokens we can use.

Lou Crawford - Box E - Long Beach, MS 39560

TT's FOR SALE AT 25¢ EACH PLUS POSTAGE: RI 700 E; SC 310 C; SD 480 A, 840 A; Tenn 160 A, 690 J; Tex 365 A, 445 K L, 760 F; Va 280 A, 560 A C, 580 E F G I K, 730 C; Wash 840 D; WVa 140 A B, 240 B, 290 E; Wis 70 D, 530 D.

Claude G. Thompson - 3757 Kipling Ave. So. - Minneapolis, MN 55416

NY 440 B. If you still need this scarce token to complete Kenmore, NY, and can spare \$10.00 please write to me. The low catalogue price does not truly reflect the scarcity of this long obsolete token.

Morton H. Dawson - 182 Whiting Lane - West Hartford, CT 06119

NEED MONEY FOR CHRISTMAS? I am in the market to buy census tokens that I need, and will pay a very good price. No haggling. Name your price or let me make an offer.

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= ALL AUCTIONS IN THIS ISSUE CLOSE DECEMBER 30 =

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Age 31; Service Manager. Collects U.S. (Mazeau)

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Age 27; Security. Collects U.S., Canada, Foreign. (Coffee)

1583 W. HOWARD HEMRY - BOX 286 - CODY, WYOMING 82414

Age 67; Retired. Collects U.S. (Targonsky)

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A Monthly News-Letter for

Transportation Token Collectors



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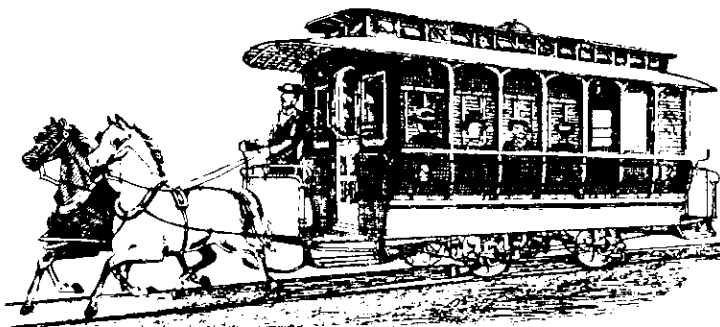
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Our 342nd Issue

December 18. We are mailing this issue only two weeks after the November issue in order (1) to insure getting it under the old postage rate, and (2) because my assistant will be gone for two weeks after Christmas. So it was either mail it on the 21st, or wait until January 11. I had plenty of stuff on hand for a respectable issue, so here it is. I still have two excellent articles from Mr. Bingen for the January issue, and some more interesting material on wooden transportation tokens from Kenny Smith. We'll try to publish the January issue on the 18th, so make the deadline the 10th, for the next issue for all free ads and articles.

This morning I received a delightful phone call from the president of the A.V.A., Joel Reznick. Joel wanted me to be sure to extend his wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to the membership. I don't know how many of you know Joel personally, but he is to my mind the very personification of the A.V.A.: very friendly, informal, and always involved in a hundred different things. This morning he told me he had just purchased a huge collection of--of all things--Sambo's Wooden Nickels. Speaking of which, you all may not realize that our own Roland C. Atwood is now Number One in Sambo's. His collection, I understand, is the largest in existence.

I have noticed a big surge of interest in A.V.A. personal tokens since publication of our little catalogue of these tokens. Since my Supplement #1 in last month's Fare Box I've picked up several more for the next supplement! They are a lot of fun, and one might say they are tokens of our common friendship with each other. Speaking of personals, in my Supplement #1 last month I made a mistake, and listed all those tokens of Duane Feisel under the number 312. Duane's membership number is 305, so change all those "312's" to 305's. One problem with our personal token list is that we forgot to include an index. So it's difficult to find listings for ex-members if you don't have old membership rosters. One member suggested that future listings be alphabetical. But that'd be worse, because there is no numerical listings of AVA members anywhere. So if someone said he had 632-B, you would have no way of knowing whose number it was. The solution, of course, is to publish an index--an alphabetical listings of members who have issued these tokens with their numbers next to their names. If someone will volunteer to send me such a list, I'll publish it in the FB.

You all should have your dues envelopes, mailed with the November issue. Please send your \$6 1976 AVA dues to our treasurer as quickly as possible. Don't send it to the Editor! Send it right to R.K. Frisbee - 211 King St. - Denver, CO 80219.



= NEW FINDS =

A number of interesting items this month. Biggest luck was that of Floyd Hartley, who reports that he picked up Mich 945 A for only two dollars! I believe this is only the 3rd known example of the rare Vassar depotel. Floyd also sent along a couple of personal tokens had made up two years ago which are unlisted.

Speaking of personals, I learned that former member Clarence Woods had issued a nice AVA-seal brass personal several years ago. He since had dropped out of AVA, but I wrote and asked for one. His wife wrote back with the sad news that Clarence has had a stroke and is now a complete invalid. She did send me one of his tokens, and it will be listed in the next supplement to the personal token catalogue.

Also received is a beautiful personal mirror token from Hector Turgeon, and a new, and different, mirror token from Lloyd Wagaman. These mirrors are very expensive to make, so members should, of course, expect to pay something in order to get them. Mr. Turgeon says he is willing to let his go to any interested member for \$1 plus a couple of stamps for postage.

I don't keep up on parking token rarities, but am told the Yale New Haven Hospital is a fairly rare one. A friend got me one, right from Yale, and was told this was the last one they had, and that the token is no longer in use.

Joe Pernicano sent a rubbing of a little stranger. It is a WM 17mm token, with "CITYBUS" on a scroll on obverse, and simply three large letters, separated by blocks, on the other side. The letters are two H's and one A. Whatever they mean I don't know. The token was found in Pittsburgh, and I'd like to hear from anyone with ideas.

Another stranger was recently acquired by Jack Wilcox (The Mailman), who sent a rubbing along with his latest Christmas rolled out personal. This token is aluminum, 23mm across, octagonal, inscribed "PHILADELPHIA RAPID TRANSIT CO. 8 CENTS" on obverse, and "INDEPENDENCE HALL" with a picture of that structure, on reverse. What this token is, and what it was used for, is a mystery, and I'd love to be enlightened by one of our Philadelphia sleuths. Incidentally Jack got it from a junk box for 25¢.

A letter from Joseph Canfield adds something to our notes about the New Orleans & Carrollton RR token acquired by David Schenkman and described on Page 159 last month. Mr. Canfield says this company is one of the oldest in America, having been incorporated in 1833. It began operations in 1835, making it the second oldest line in the United States. This firm operated the St. Charles streetcar line, which is still running today, being the oldest trolley line in the world, having run continuously for 140 years except for strikes and the Civil War.

Robert Harris of Salt Lake City recently hit the jackpot. Utah 125 A is not a rare token, but it has been a scarce one. Well, Robert found the former owner of the Brigham Transportation Company (who now lives in SLC) and "purchased two bags of the tokens." So this one won't be scarce any more. Robert has an ad offering these tokens in this issue.

Mr. Robert Burrowes, Director of Transportation of Culver City, Calif., recently purchased a copy of our Atwood Catalogue, and in a friendly letter to the Editor he explained that Culver City no longer uses any tokens. "We do have a large supply, some twenty thousand, on hand gathering dust," he writes. And he concludes: "I have been told that at one time the City, many years ago, upon taking one form of tokens out of circulation, carted them to the end of the Venice Pier and dumped them into the Pacific Ocean. Do you have any skin divers in your group?" He also said that he was "overwhelmed at the magnitude of transportation tokens that have been issued, and at the work you and your associates must have devoted to compile such a document."

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*Lester D. Grady did some interesting figuring with his calculator with respect to the values of tokens. He concluded that there has been an appreciation in value of 149 tokens in his collection of 506.5%. This is based on a comparison of values in the 1970 Atwood and the prices realized on pages 117-120 of The Fare Box. This means the "real" value of transportation tokens works out to roughly 5 times catalogue, although his sample included no 15¢ tokens and no top census tokens. The 15¢ tokens are worth less than 5x catalogue, and the census are worth more than 5x catalogue.*

= QUINN'S TRANSFER LINE OF DELAVAN, WISCONSIN =  
By Glen E. Williams

*Editor's note: in this month's Catalogue Supplement there is a token listed of Quinn's Transfer Line of Delavan, Wis. Glen Williams also did some research on the firm that issued the token, and the following is his story. In a letter which accompanied his article, Glen explained that he has known about this token for the past eleven years, but the owner wouldn't part with it until October of this year. Glen adds that in the past eleven years he has searched for more of the tokens by means of personal calls in the area, and newspaper ads, all to no avail.*

Silas V. Barlow operated a livery stable, and Frank Patchen ran a dray line, in Delavan from about 1893 until shortly after the year 1900. About then, three partners, Lorenz Lackey, Alvin Matteson, and Charles J. Quinn, purchased the livery stable and dray line operated by Barlow and Patchen.

Lackey, Matteson and Quinn now operated a livery stable, livery sales, boarding stable, and drayage line. They service local citizens of Delavan, and passengers from the Milwaukee Road RR to and from the Park Hotel, the Hotel Delavan, and the Highland Park Hotel. They also provided service to the Delavan Opera House.

In 1904, Lackey & Quinn bought out Matteson, and the business remained a dual partnership until 1908 or 1909. Then Quinn bought out Lackey. By now the business included a blacksmith shop, wagon shop, and had an office next to the Hotel Delavan.

In 1917, Quinn procured the Ford Motor Car agency in Delavan, and used part of his livery stable building for the sale of Ford cars. He also leased some of the same building to a Mr. Fisch, who sold REO cars. Quinn continued running the Ford Agency until 1930, when Ford changed over from the Model A to the Model B, or V-8 Ford. As he received no cars for a period of 18 months, Mr. Quinn sold the business.

Today the Delavan Hotel is still there, but now it is known as the Colonial Hotel. The office of Quinn's livery operation, which he converted to the Ford Car Agency, is now the office of the Wisconsin Southern Gas Company. Part of the old livery complex is now a private parking lot. The only part of the old livery stable still intact, with its horse tie rings still there, is now part of the Delavan Fire Dept.

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= WOODEN NICKELS OF LUBBOCK ELECTRIC CO. - FREE RIDE FOR TIRED OR RETIRED GINNERS =  
By Kenneth E. Smith

In 1970 I acquired forty of the above wooden nickels, and wrote to Lubbock Electric seeking information about them. Their reply stated they had none left and sent no data. So in the Fall of 1970 at a coin show here I showed the token to a Lubbock, TX, coin dealer named Bob Medlar. He replied December 2, 1970, with the following information:

Lubbock Electric, it seems, is closely associated with the cotton industry: pump motors for irrigation, electric equipment and motors for cotton gins, etc. Each year the Cotton Ginners Association holds a convention in Dallas, and everybody associated with cotton--particularly cotton gins--has a display and sales promotional gimmicks. The display area is spread over quite a large area of the Texas State Fairgrounds. In 1962, Lubbock Electric, as part of their sales promotion, passed out these wooden nickels to their customers. Meanwhile, Lubbock Electric's salesmen had a bunch of golf carts, and if you stopped ones of these golf carts and gave the salesman one of these wooden tokens, he would give you a ride through the display area, dropping you off wherever you wished.

So this would appear to be our first golf cart token, and it is quite authentic:

Dallas Texas

LUBBOCK ELECTRIC CO. FREE RIDE FOR TIRED OR RETIRED GINNERS  
(Reverse WB)[original issue](\* 1962)

WAo W 38 Sd

= THE FERRY TOKENS OF THE "COWES FLOATING BRIDGE" =

By Kenneth E. Smith

Thanks to the article by Les Hawthorne we know that in England ferries are often referred to as "floating bridges." The first Cowes (England) Floating Bridge was established in 1820 across the River Medina between East Cowes and West Cowes. The river was only about 100 yards wide at this crossing, and the first ferry was winched by hand. This ferry was only large enough to accommodate a single wagon with a pair of horses. In 1859 a company was formed to operate the ferry by steam-driven chains. This company began operations in 1860 with the ferry being hauled across by these chains, and this method is still in use today.

The original ferry rights belonged to the Crown, but were leased to a John Robertson. When the 1859 company took over the lease they paid him £50 per annum in consideration. In 1901 the lease was acquired by a committee representing the councils of East Cowes and West Cowes. They paid £3,997 for the two floating bridges, the steam plant, toll houses, etc. The committee in April, 1903, bought 4,000 tokens for ferry usage, of which 2,000 were for the West Cowes ferry toll house, and 2,000 for the East Cowes ferry toll house. All tokens read COWES FERRY incuse, with values on one side, and blank reverses. The West Cowes toll house acquired the circular tokens and the longer oblong 1½d tokens for sale for the west-to-east trip, as follows (per my catalogue numbers): 1,000 of 220 B; 500 each of 220 D and E.

The East Cowes toll house acquired the square tokens and the shorter oblong 1½d tokens for sale for the east-to-west trips as follows: 1,000 of 220 A; 500 each of 220 C and F.

By 1905 the ferries were short of tokens, as many of the ½d and 1d tokens were bought but not redeemed, so additional token supplies were ordered. To distinguish these from the first issue they were ordered reading COWES BRIDGE with values. At this time the West Cowes toll house acquired 1,000 of the 220 RA and 500 of 220 RD, and the East Cowes toll house acquired 1,000 of the 220 RC and 500 of the 220 RE.

By 1907 the West Cowes toll house needed more tokens and acquired 1,000 of the 220 RB (with large letters).

By 1909 the West Cowes toll house again needed more tokens and acquired 1,000 of the 220 RB (with small letters).

By 1910 it was decided to issue cardboard tickets to supplement the metal tokens. When the metal tokens were redeemed they were issued to the next purchaser. Otherwise the cardboard tickets were issued. This policy was continued over the next few years and by 1914 all the metal tokens had disappeared into circulation with none being further redeemed.

The different values were because during the day the single-person fare was ½d until 9 p.m. From 9 p.m. to 10 p.m. the fare was 1d. From 10 p.m. to 11 p.m. the fare was 1½d and from 11 p.m. to midnight the fare was 2d. The ferry was not in operation from midnight to daybreak. There was also a complicated list of tolls for vehicles and cattle and not tokens were issued specifically for them, but the other tokens could be used for part payment of their tolls.

These tokens were manufactured by the same company that made most of the floating bridge tokens of Gosport, Portsmouth, and Southampton.

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= ALPENROSE FRONTIER DAYS DAIRYVILLE WOODEN NICKELS =

By Kenneth E. Smith

Some time ago I wrote Alpenrose Dairy at 6149 SW Shattuck Rd. to get some of their ride tokens. I acquired what they claimed were their last two balloon tokens and last 9 wagon ride tokens, and was also told they were out of pony tokens. The status of these tokens appears to be: [all from Portland, Oregon]

	ALPENROSE FRONTIER DAYS DAIRYVILLE PONY RIDE
WAO W 38 Sd	(Reverse WG)(both sides in red)(Atwood 700 J)
	ALPENROSE FRONTIER DAYS DAIRYVILLE WAGON RIDE
WBo W 38 Sd	(Reverse WD)(both sides in purple)(Atwood 700 K)
	ALPENROSE FRONTIER DAYS BALLOON
WCo W 38 Sd	(Reverse WD)(both sides in orange)

= 1975 NENA TOUR TOKEN AVAILABLE IN SILVER =

For their 1975 Boston Convention, held early in November, the New England Numismatic Association had struck an attractive large token for the "historic tour" offered to convention goers. This token should be reported in this issue of *THE FARE BOX*. A sufficient quantity of the tokens were struck so that they could be supplied to the Transportation Token New Issue Service.

A small number (15 pieces) of the token were struck in pure silver, each piece weighing one troy ounce; the diameter of the token is approximately that of a silver dollar. The presentation pieces were sold @\$15 to committee members upon advance order.

The Boston NENA Convention committee has agreed to let AVA members obtain examples of the token in silver. The total number available to AVA members will be 50 pieces only, or any lesser number ordered by the deadline of January 15, 1976. Each AVA piece will be serially numbered on the edge whereas the regular NENA presentation pieces were not numbered. The cost will be \$15.00 each.

Orders should be sent to Duane H. Feisel, P.O. Box 1302, Los Altos, CA 94022, who will be handling the orders for NENA. Enclose payment of \$15.00 for each piece ordered. Those who order more than a single piece may have their order decreased if the total demand is for more than the 50 piece limit. It is expected that the AVA silver tokens will be sent out to those ordering in mid-February.

For those not in TTNIS who wish to obtain an example of the beautiful heavy gauge brass token, it is suggested that you get in touch with John Nicolosi who may have a few extra pieces. Only 300 pieces total were issued, and 125 of these were for use at the NENA Convention.

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### DECEMBER NEW ISSUES SERVICE REPORT

By John G. Nicolosi

This month I'm breaking a 20-year rule and am sending out new issues in December. This is to beat the postage rate increase, and also because I got them into the mail on the 3rd to beat the rush. What you will get are Ark 480 U (a bus, cab, and parking token all in one) - all tokens sent you are brand new but weakly struck; second is Cal 745 X, thanks to our ex Hawaiian, Henry Krause, for these. Third and fourth, Pa 750 AW and AX, the long-awaited SEPTA tokens thanks to Joel Reznick. Joel was also responsible for our getting the Arkansas tokens.

We also finally received the Kansas City tokens, after sending them the additional money they demanded. These tokens are sold to people who are eligible for food stamps at 25¢ each and are good for a 40¢ fare. They soaked us 45¢ each for them! But lucky to get them at any price.

New Years Greetings for 1976 and I hope it will be a better year in every way for all of you. Meanwhile, to greet the new year, we already have several more tokens on the burner.

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If you have not done so already please send in your \$6 AVA dues for 1976 to the treasurer, R. K. Frisbee - 211 King Street - Denver, CO 80219.

= DECEMBER SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE =

By Ralph Freiberg

MICHIGAN

Lansing 560 (Reported by Clarence Ziegler)  
S o Cc 22 Sd [Same obverse & reverse as 560 A] \$7.50

NEW JERSEY

Newark 555 (Reported by Greg Prgomet)  
G o S 21 Tr [Same obverse & reverse as 555 E] \*\* 1.00  
[50,000 steel tokens were struck in June, 1944.]

OHIO

Toledo 860 (Clipping by Jerry Bates & N.I.S.)  
THIS IS DOWNTOWN TOLEDO OHIO BUILD IT TOGETHER  
R Bz 25 Sd T I D B I T Expires 12-31-75 .15  
[This is a combination bus & parking token.]

ZONE CHECKS 997 (Reported by Jack Smith)  
CINCINNATI STREET RAILWAY 1 INBOUND MILFORD LINE  
MARIEMONT LINE THIS ZONE CHECK INDICATES THAT BEARER HAS  
PAID FARE TO GOVERNMENT SQ. CINCINNATI INCLUDING CITY  
TRANSFER PASSENGER WILL HOLD THIS CHECK AND HAND IT TO  
THE OPERATOR ON LEAVING THE COACH  
A o Bz Ob Sd (blank) (57x30mm) [very thin] ? 1.00

WASHINGTON

Spokane 840 (Previously listed as a Pattern)  
U o Z 21 Ch [Same obverse & reverse as 840 K & L] \*\* 1.00  
[25,000 zinc tokens were struck in November, 1942.]

WISCONSIN

Delavan 150 (Reported by Glen Williams)  
QUINN'S TRANSFER LINE / GOOD FOR / ONE / RETURN FARE /  
DELAVAN, WIS.  
A o A 28 Sd (blank) 7.50

= NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG =

The Toledo TidBit token will be mailed out to New Issues Service members in January, along with the Kansas City token, which finally showed up. Speaking of the latter, our listing was not entirely accurate, which is the result of listing a token before we have seen it. First of all, there are no parentheses on the reverse, and the arrow on obverse is the Logo of the authority. There is a mintmark on the token.

We already had a green Lansing, MI, celluloid listed, and only two of them are known. Now we have a carmine one.

I mentioned the steel Newark token and the zinc Spokane token in the past, to see if any more of them showed up. So far I have heard of no others. So these are rare census tokens at the moment, but as they are modern tokens and it is possible sacks of them still exist, we put two asterisks (\*\*) in front of the price to denote that this is only a very tentative price. You won't buy any of them for a dollar each. These two tokens were struck before the first Atwood Catalogue came out, and no one thought to look for them. Had collectors known about these tokens thirty years ago, some of them might have been obtained. Some might still be obtained, but we doubt it.

We also have a listing for a Cincinnati zone check this month. Again the price is meaningless, but it's possible there are more of them around somewhere.

As of December 15 we haven't obtained our supply of the Toledo TidBit tokens, but they agreed to sell them to us. This is one of those merchant tokens for combination of bus fares and parking rates. The token is good for 15¢ towards bus fare. As the

senior citizen fare is 15¢ in Toledo, the token is good for a ride for an older person. For regular adults the fare is 35¢, so one could pay it with two TidBits + 5¢. Parking in the area is 50¢, so one would need four of these to pay for parking. They give you one token with a \$1 purchase, but only two with a \$5 purchase. Original plans were to use the tokens until December 31, 1975, and then put a new token into use, but now they've extended the expiration date. When we learn what the new expiration date is we shall mention it here.

Speaking of Toledo, all former tokens of Community Traction are now obsolete, and so should be marked obsolete in your Atwood. On June 1, 1971, the company was taken over by the Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority, publicly owned. When the system was operated by Community Traction, a number of fare changes occurred. With various fare changes, they went from white metal to bronze, and then back to WM, and then back to Bz again, and they followed this pattern through several fare hikes. They never actually had a bronze token for adults, but copper-plated their WM tokens, and then they WM-plated these tokens for the next fare hike. So we have platings on top of platings from Toledo. Of course we can't list all these platings on platings, but Mr. Schwartz did have some nice WM-plated on K-plated tokens at the L.A. Convention. I like to pick these up just to show what has happened, but the Catalogue Committee agreed that it would be hopeless to try to list all of these double, triple, and quadruple platings.

There was a similar token for Parkersburg, WVa, which was originally WM, then Brass-plated, then WM-plated on top of that. The double plating won't be listed.

Mr. Schwartz did have some tokens for Albany, NY, that had been black-oxidized, and if I can ever get an answer from the company up there that they plated their tokens, this one will be listed. The tokens in question are the NY 10 E F G, which could have been plated. I have also learned that there may have been a bronze token used in Albany, which has never been listed, but I can't get an answer from the company. If any member can get information for us about Albany, please let me know.

We also have a nice old rare depotel for Delavan, Wis.

I've recently been studying tokens which may have been made by two or more different manufacturers, as there appear to have been a number of these. This month I'll mention a couple more: first there is M1 60 AM, and second NY 780 G (school token). In these cases we have one type where the letter in the center "roams the circle," i.e., it may be rotated in any position with respect to the legend; in the other type the letter in the center is always in the same position with respect to the legend. The older token is the one that roams the circle; the newer has the fixed letter and this newer type we call an allocated token.

In checking over the Meyer & Wenthe records I have learned that, in 1927, there were 8,000 tokens struck for a CITY TRANSPORTATION CO. in Cambridge, Ohio. I've never heard of this token, or seen it, but this may refer to Ohio 165 S. I've never seen any firm evidence that this company existed in Cincinnati. Tokens showed up in Cincinnati fare boxes, and probably early cataloguers just assumed that was their origin. So perhaps 165 S should be moved to Cambridge. But so far this is only conjecture. Perhaps a member can give us more information on the City Transportation Company.

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#### = DELAWARE VALLEY VECTURIST MEETING IN NEW YORK =

The Delaware Valley Vecturist Association met November 8, 1975, at the New York Sheraton Hotel, as guests of the North Eastern Vecturist Association, who in turn were hosted by the Grand Central Coin Convention at their annual show. Five of us attended: Al Zaika, Ed Dence, Joe Pernicano, Henry DeGregorio, and Len Paul. We commuted by Penn Central rail. (Who would want to drive a car in New York City downtown traffic?)

We were greeted warmly by our NEVA prexy, Ralph Hinde, and the rest of our New York area token collector friends.

The DVVA will meet next on Sunday, January 11, at 1:30 pm, again in Joe Pernicano's office, 1250 Virginia Drive in Fort Washington Industrial Park, Pa., at the Girard Bank sign, just off the Ft. Washington exchange of the Penna. Turnpike and US Route 302. All persons, AVA members or not, are cordially invited to attend.

= DECEMBER SUPPLEMENT TO THE CATALOGUE OF WORLD TRANSPORTATION TOKENS =

By Kenneth E. Smith

D E N M A R K (Reported by J. Thingvad)

Copenhagen 160

HOVEDSTADS OMRÅDETS TRAFIKSELSKAB (HT in pentagon in center)

J	WM 19 Sd	Grundpolet (large G)(basic fare token)	\$0.30
K	B 23 Sd	Tillaegspolet (large T)(additional zone fare token)	.20

(Kobenhavens Sporveje and local bus companies were combined to form Hovedstadens Trafikselkab (HT)(which in English means Capital Transportation Company). This company started operating on April 20, 1975, with the 160 K token. The supply of 160 J tokens did not arrive from the manufacturer until August, 1975, so the 160 C were used instead from April 20. Today the 160 C and J are used interchangeably, and sell at 8 tokens for 12 Danish Krone. The 160 K sell at 12 for 9 K.)

Kolding 460

KOLDING BYBUSSE (BUILDING)

C	B 19 Sd	(same as obverse)	.30
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Viborg 860

VIBORG BYBUSSE (IN SMALL LETTERS)(V IN CENTER)

B	B 19 Sd	(same as obverse)	.30
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(This company ran low on 860 A tokens, and as the 860 A were the same size as the 10 öre coins, they had to be separated from the fare box collections by hand. This new slightly different diameter token may be separated from the fare box collections by sorting machine from the 10 öre and other coins.)

G E R M A N Y

Chemnitz 210 (Reported by Günter Fritz)

CHEMNITZER STRASSENBAHN (STREETCAR)

J o K	Oc Sd	(Postillion's horn)(20mm)	2.00
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Gnesen 340 (Reported by G. Fritz)(Gnesen is now called Gniezno, in Poland)

DRAGONER REGIMENT VON ARNIM (2. BRANDENB.) No. 12

A o A	Hx Sd	Militär Fahrmarke 5 (22mm)	5.00
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(This regiment was established October 30, 1866, and first garrison was regiment moved to Frankfurt/Oder. In 1890 the regiment was moved to Gnesen, which was its headquarters until it was disbanded in 1918. In the period from 1890 to World War I, Gnesen was near the German/Russian border. Herr Fritz did not know in which town the token was used, but from the style shown on the beautiful rubbing he sent, it indicates a token used after 1890, therefore it is assumed the token was used in Gnesen.)

Worms 880 (Reported by G. Fritz)

STÄDTISCHE STRASSENBAHN WORMS (SHIELD)

D o B	19 Sd	Städtische Strassenbahn Worms (streetcar)	1.00
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Remember, please, when you report new discoveries, in addition to giving the exact wording, spelling, and punctuation, to send rubbings or photographs. This is essential to insure accurate listings. Please keep the listings coming.



= SUPPLEMENT #9 TO FEISEL'S CATALOGUE OF PARKING TOKENS =  
by Duane H. Feisel

CALIFORNIA

Pleasanton 3658 (Reported by Charles Nichols)  
KAISER ALUMINUM & CHEMICAL CORP.  
A B 22 Sd Center For Technology [M&W 10/74 1M] \$0.35\*

ILLINOIS

Chicago 3150 (Reported by Hank Hiorth)  
NORTHEAST COMMUNITY HOSPITAL (GATE)  
CR Bz 25 Sd Parcoa Token (gate) (rev. G) [M&W 8/70 1M;  
6/72 1M; 12/72 1M] .25\*

De Kalb 3200 (Reported by Don Punshon)  
CITY OF DE KALB 1973  
B B 22 Sd Good Only In Parking Meters [M&W 2/74 5M] .15  
CITY OF DE KALB 1974  
C B 22 Sd Good Only In Parking Meters [M&W 6/74 10M] .15

Park Forest 3673 (Reported by Frank Elam)  
VILLAGE OF PARK FOREST  
A B 23 Sd Paid Parking .35

Park Ridge 3675 (Reported by W. G. Garrison)  
PARK RIDGE ILLINOIS PARKING METER TOKEN  
A B 22 Sd One Hour Parking [7/1/75- ] .15

IOWA

Cedar Rapids 3150 (Reported by Milton Heitman)  
FLAME ROOM CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA  
B WM 25 Sd (blank) .35\*

NEW YORK

Rochester 3780 (Reported by Robert R. Kelley)  
EASTMAN KODAK COMPANY / K / KODAK (incuse) /  
VISITORS / PARKING  
F WM 25 Sd Kodak Park Division / K / Kodak (incuse) /  
Rochester / N.Y. .35\*

NORTH CAROLINA

Greensboro 3380 (Reported by George Fuld)  
JEFFERSON  
A B 23 Sd Parking .25

PENNSYLVANIA

Lebanon 3545 (Reported by Garrison)  
LEBANON COUNTY TRUST CO. VALIDATED FREE  
PARKING (black printed letters on a gold  
colored surface)  
B A 16 Ch (blank) (gold colored surface) [6/70- ] .15  
Philadelphia 3750 (Reported by Bill Carr)  
P.C.I. (Penn Center Inn)  
T B 22 Sd (blank) [M&W 11/74 1M] .25

WASHINGTON

Bremerton 3080 (Reported by Robert Knoblock & Bob Ritterband)  
 GOOD ONLY AT CITY OF BREMERTON GARAGE  
 B Pg 29 Sd Merchant 2 Hours Free Parking Token (incuse  
 white letters O&R) [PLATCO 1.25M] \$0.25  
 C Pe 29 Sd (same as B) [PLATCO 1.25M] .25  
 D Pr 29 Sd (same as B) [PLATCO 1.25M] .25  
 E Pb 29 Sd (same as B) [PLATCO 1.25M] .25

Union 3915 (Reported by DHF via M&W)

ALDERBROOK GOLF & YACHT CLUB  
 A B 22 Sd (same as obverse) .35\*  
 (O&R: Propeller points .....)  
 a. (B--H) (between BR--between CH)  
 b. (B--H) (B--T)

WISCONSIN

Milwaukee 3510 (Reported by Gerald Johnson)  
 THE ASTOR HOFFMAN EAST /  
 BB B 22 Sd (same as obverse) .25  
 [Note: Change catalogue description for WI 3510 C to:  
 THE ASTOR / HOFFMAN EAST ]  
 (Reported by Thomas Matola)  
 MILWAUKEE BOLLD (sic) CENTER, INC. PARKING  
 BC B 23 Sd (same as obverse) .25  
 (Reported by Knoblock)  
 MILWAUKEE CHILDRENS HOSPITAL 25¢  
 BD B 22 Sd (same as obverse) .25  
 (Reported by A. H. Erickson)  
 27TH AND WELLS  
 BE B 22 Sd Parking Token .25

UNATTRIBUTED

(Reported by a non-member)  
 (TRIANGLE INSIDE A SQUARE)  
 3027 B 25 Sd Courtesy Parking  
 [Note: Token is style of Card Key Sysytem tokens.]  
 (Reported by Knoblock)  
 HOLLYWOOD PARKING SYSTEM  
 3028 B 22 Sd Good All Areas  
 (Reported by DHF via M&W)  
 MT. SINAI / MEDICAL CENTER  
 3029 B 25 Sd (same as obverse)  
 [Shipped to a parking gate manufacturer. M&W shipped 8/74  
 1.5M; 11/74 1.5M. Records indicate that the first shipment  
 had the inscription all on one line, but that may be in  
 error--listed specimen has been seen.]  
 (Reported by Jack Smith)  
 SUMA PARKING CORDON BLEU  
 3030 B 25 Sd Valable 30 Minutes Seulement  
 [Reverse translation: Good For 30 Minutes Only]

IL 3070 B: should be relisted as IL 3070 A (6/75)  
IL 3070 A: should be relisted as IN 3110 A (11/74)  
MS 3360 A: add variety description (1/75)  
          (R: I of HATTIESBURG points down to .....)  
          a. (left edge of upright of K)  
          b. (R)  
          c. (between RK)  
OK 3810 A: should have been OK 3810 B (9/75)  
PA 3540 A B: should have been listed as PA 3535 A B (9/75)  
PA 3700 A: should have been listed as PA 3697 A (9/75)  
WI 3510 C: reverse should be listed THE ASTOR / HOFFMAN EAST  
WI 3510 AX: note that (vars)--size of letters, details incomplete

= PARKING TOKEN NOTES BY DUANE H. FEISEL =

By some of the letters I have received and comments I have heard, I know that many of you are impatient for additional information on parking tokens, especially new listings. Some of this criticism has been unkind, and I feel it has been made by persons who wrote or said something without giving the matter careful thought. There is a tremendous amount of information in my hands, and many reports from various collectors. However, if you understand the responsibilities and duties of a conscientious cataloguer, you know that presenting unverified or incomplete information is not being responsible.

The magnitude of processing all the information I have has required a different approach to the cataloguing process I use, and it has taken me a lot of time, thought and work to develop a new process which should result in a smooth, continued flow of reliable and useful information and new listings. Please continue to bear with me--I already spend a tremendous amount of time on parking tokens, and there are other matters which also require my time and attention.

When you study the listings for this month you will see one new feature--information on the token manufacturer, and date and quantity shipped. M&W stands for Meyer & Wenthe, and PLATCO is for Plastic Tag & Trade Check Co. For the majority of the tokens listed in the parking token catalogue, I now have details such as this, and they will be incorporated in the third edition of the catalogue whenever it is done. If you have any comments about the type of information presented or the way it is given, please let me know. This is something new in cataloguing, and there may be a better way of doing it. Incidentally, much of the same sort of information has been recorded for many of the listed transportation and car wash tokens.

Now to dig into the listings for this month. The Kaiser token from Pleasanton, Calif., is used at a special lot; the token supply is closely guarded, and this one will be difficult to obtain.

Some time back I sent off money and an inquiry to the Northeast Community Hospital in Chicago, but they neither replied or returned my money. But if you want to try, the address is: 6130 Sheridan Rd., zip 60626. Obviously, from the number of

orders we know that the tokens get a lot of use. Also, the shipping dates suggest that at least one other reverse die may have been used.

A long while ago Don Punshon told me that there were tokens for De Kalb, but my inquiry went unanswered, and the money I sent produced no results, not even a return. Then Hank Hiorth was able to provide the token descriptions to which I have added production information. The address, if you want to try, for the City of De Kalb is 200 South Fourth St., zip 60115.

The Park Forest tokens are sold in bulk @35¢ to pay for parking in a lot where the cash rate is 50¢. The lot is mainly used by commuters to Chicago taking the Illinois Central Gulf Railroad. Frank Elam graciously obtained the information, and bought a supply of the tokens for PTNIS subscribers.

Good friend Bill Garrison reports that the Park Ridge tokens were given by merchants to customers with a purchase. In turn, the Chamber of Commerce redeems the tokens from the city, and resells them to merchants. Bill was able to buy a supply of the tokens for PTNIS.

The Cedar Rapids token is apparently for patrons of a restaurant so they can exit from a special parking lot. I did not try writing, but I was told that the token supply is closely guarded.

The Eastman Kodak tokens have been difficult to obtain for collectors, and here is a new one to frustrate your attempts to build a collection! Here I have introduced a new listing technique. First of all, the line arrangements are indicated by the usual slash mark. Then, if part of the inscription is raised and part incused, the line or lines incuse will be noted by (incuse) immediately following that line inscription. This is a simple method which otherwise saves a lot of verbal description.

I know nothing at all about the Greensboro, N.C., token, and am uncertain of the attribution. George Fuld sent me the token in a holder which carried the town attribution, but I do not think George checked it out. This is something that one of you might try to do!

The new Lebanon token is spit out by the parking meters in the bank's parking lot. I guess the token can then be redeemed for 25¢, but I am not sure of that. A supply of the tokens was purchased by Bill Garrison for PTNIS--thanks for all your help, Bill!

The new Penn Center Inn token provides a degree of anonymity for the motel located near city center in Philadelphia. I did not try to obtain this one by writing.

The Bremerton tokens were ordered up by C. W. Gallagher shortly before his demise at the beginning of 1975. The order was placed through Bob Ritterband who supplied information on the quantity made.

Someone told me that there was a token for Union, Washington, in use at the Alderbrook Golf & Yacht Club, but my inquiries there produced absolutely no response. Also, other collectors tried, but apparently they also struck out. Now I am able to provide the listing on the basis of tokens obtained at M&W. This one will obviously be rough to obtain.

The Astor in Milwaukee obviously uses a lot of tokens, and the new listing is another one in the series.

An interesting die cutters error was made on the Milwaukee Blood Center listing for this month. The die cutter actually did it twice--once for each side! It makes me wonder if the original order might have had a typographical error. Mr. Matola informs me that to get a token, you have to give a pint of blood for which you are given a token to exit from the parking lot. The token supply is very, very limited, and it will be difficult to obtain. As Mr. Matola writes, "A lot of people would give an arm and a leg for a token, but I wonder how many have to give their life blood?" Incidentally, Mr. Matola writes that he has now made 49 blood contributions!

The Milwaukee Childrens Hospital is another place where tokens receive considerable use. The new listing is yet another in their series.

The 27th and Wells tokens are a mystery to me as to how they are used. Can anyone help with specific information?

The first unattributed token is probably from somewhere in Southern California since it is the usual style of the Card Key System tokens.

In addition to the notes included with the listing of the Mount Sinai Hospital (rather Medical Center) token, I would comment that I did write to the Hospital in Milwaukee, but no reply was received. I have a strong feeling that that is the correct location, however.

The Suma Parking token may very well be from Belgium or France. I am uncertain as to the material from which the token is made as the person reporting it failed to include that bit of important information. The same comment applies to the Hollywood Parking System token.

Finally, the numerous additions and corrections (mainly corrections) have resulted from trying to move too fast with new listings! My old cataloguing system let me down! Other of the corrections were the result of erroneous information from those reporting the pieces originally. I find that it pays to check things as completely as possible.

From the new listings this month, several of the tokens will be sent out to PTNIS subscribers. It has been a long while since the last shipment, and I have quite a number of different tokens accumulated. These will go out in one grand shipment in early January. I am setting aside time during the week between Christmas and New Year's Day to work up the shipments. PTNIS mailings require from two to three days of preparation, and I have just not been able to find that amount of time to do the job. I have to hand it to John Nicolosi who is most reliable with the TTNIS mailings--it is a difficult job that you cannot really appreciate unless you try it yourself!

Hopefully we will be having more parking token listings on a more regular basis now. Don't expect them all at once, however!

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= STREETCAR TOKENS OF OSNABRÜCK, GERMANY =  
By Kenneth E. Smith

I am going to take a chance and list the following tokens on the assumption that they are correctly described in the source I am using, from pages 39 and 40 of the article "The Strassenbahn Tokens of Osnabrück, Germany" in the March 1974 Fare Box.

I have in my own collection a complete set of Osnabrück 760 A thru L tokens, including both varieties of 760 G. This list was also supplied to Herr Funck for his booklets. What is interesting is that on some of my zinc tokens one can see small pieces of what was once brass coating, and the envelopes in which I obtained the zinc tokens were marked "issued during World War I" except that of 760 D. This does conflict with some of the dates supplied by Mr. Thormann. The new additional catalogue listings are:

OSNABRÜCK 760

		EIGENTUM D. STRASSENBAHN OSNABRÜCK UMSTEIGEMARKE (CITY ARMS)(19mm)	
M o B	Sq Sd	Gültig Nur Bei Directem Umsteigen	1.00
		(Var. a - reverse has large letters)	
		(Var. b - reverse has small letters)	
N o K	Sq Sd	(same inscriptions as 760 M)	1.00
O o A	Sq Sd	"	1.00
		STRASSENBAHN DER STADT OSNABRÜCK	
P o B	Ov Sd	Fahr-Marke (24x19mm)	1.00
		(GAS METER-LIKE TOKEN WITH 3 CIRCULAR RIDGES WITHOUT LETTERING)	
AAo B	2l Sd	(no lettering)	.25
ABo B	2l Tr-sc	"	.25

I acquired some years ago a 760 AA in an envelope marked "Osnabrück streetcar token for city gas works employees on business." I decided to hold up on that listing until it was confirmed, as it now has been by Mr. Thormann.

Combining Mr. Thormann's notes and my own, I come to a different set of conclusions, as follows: (1) On February 20, 1906, they placed in use the following brass tokens (a) octagon 760 L, (b) a variety of the square 760 M, and the (c) oval 760 A. (2) Some time between 1906 and 1912 they ordered more square tokens and received 760 N. (3) On April 1, 1912, they introduced a fare token to be sold to the public and ordered a large quantity of brass tokens 760 G(a) and the other variety of 760 M. Mr. Thormann would have us believe that at this time they reordered the square and octagon tokens and that they were delivered in both nickel-coated and brass-coated zinc, which said information does not agree with other data. (4) Some time between 1912 and 1914 the supply of public fare tokens 760 G(a) was insufficient and they probably ordered first 760 G(b) in quantity and later 760 P in quantity. (5) Late in 1914 because of a minor coin shortage due to World War I they ordered more tokens. At this time there was a shortage of brass because it was being used for shell cases at the war front, so my notes indicated that they were sent brass-coated zinc tokens. (6) In 1916 they apparently ordered more tokens and apparently the uncoated zinc tokens came into use. (7) My notes indicate that they ordered more tokens in 1919 and they probably came through as nickel-coated zinc tokens. I have never seen any of these nickel-plated zinc tokens, so I have certain reservations about these items. (8) In 1922 they got some locally made 760 AA and AB tokens. (9) In 1924 they got the aluminum tokens 760 C and O. (10) 760 D was probably locally made and the date of 11 April 1922 is probably correct.

Apparently there still exists a need for more research into the Osnabrück streetcar usage records to clear up the discrepancies between Mr. Thormann's data and other information.

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*With the cost of postage going up to ridiculous heights, members who write each other in search of information which requires an answer will find the answer comes much more promptly if they enclose a stamped addressed envelope (SAE).*

START THE BICENTENNIAL WITH A BANG. Some less common TT's for sale at fixed prices. Add 50¢ towards postage & insurance on all orders under \$50.00. (paid)

CA 435 B \$2.50	OH 165 Z \$1.50	OH 175 AA 1.25	TN 690 I 1.50	N.Scotia 200 A
CT 235 B 5.50	175 Z 3.50	PA 10 B 1.00	TX 710 B 8.50	\$17.50
FL 380 C 5.50	MA 115 AC 5.00	15 F 2.50	VA 20 O 1.00	Unpunched solid
D 2.50	AD 5.00	25 D 1.25	660 G 3.50	errors at \$3.50 ea:
HI 240 E 3.00	MO 140 A 12.50	320 A 5.50	DC 500 AI 1.50	CA 450 E, 575 Q, 985
IL 785 A 1.50	NY 10 H 2.50	340 E 1.00	AJ 1.50	C D; IL 150 Z; IN
1000 A 1.50	J 1.00	495 J 3.50	PR 640 B 1.00	860 K; NH 720 A; NY
IN 90 A 2.50	25 A 3.50	525 H 1.00	C 1.00	440 A 630 AH AO; NC
IA 300 D 3.50	230 D 1.00	605 H 1.00	Amusement	660 B; OR 700 G; WA
730 D 1.75	628 C 3.50	RI 520 H 1.00	100 A .50	780 Q; MO 440 N;
920 C 7.50	629 L 3.50	J 2.50	Timetable	NC 160 A for \$5.50.
KS 820 H 2.50	630 U 3.00	SD 680 A 1.25	G 7.50	Sfg samples at \$1.50
KY 480 S 2.00	945 A 5.50	B 2.50	Que 360 B 2.50	ea: 5 G L N, 8 A,
				11 A, 13 F G, 17 B C
				22 A.

A SASE will bring you my complete fixed price list of TTs & PTs.

PAUL TARGONSKY - 23 HARRISON STREET - MERIDEN, CT 06450

WANTED: Brazil 500 A (Niteroi trolleybus token). Have CA 450 B H I J, 575 L, 715 X, 745 P, 760 F H, 835 A G for trade; dupe list of others available. WANT OK 860 A-K, M-O as a set or 1 at a time. 24-page booklet, 8½x11 on Russian Transit, 37 5x7 photos mostly trolleybus & streetcar, at \$2 ppd. Sample (incomplete) issue of TROLLEY COACH NEWS, \$1; latest issue, TCN, 56 pages, \$3.50.

H.R. Porter - 1042 Bardstown Road - Louisville, KY 40204

FOR SALE: WVa 640 A 50¢; Ohio 450 E F G H 25¢ ea; Mo 370 E F G H I J K L 25¢ ea; Minn 730 B \$3, C \$4, D \$2, or \$8.50 set. Minn 790 A \$6.00.

Gordon Wold - Route 1, Box 189 - Princeton, MN 55371

FOR TRADE: Utah 125 A. If you need this token send one TT +SAE. The states I am quite low on are: Ida., Me., Vt., Mont., N.M. among others.

Robert Harris - 146 Kelsey Ave. - Salt Lake City, UT 84111

BEST BID takes package Rhode Island trolley paper: 3 United Electric Railways transfers; 3 UER weekly passes (1941) and tickets; Sea View Railroad complimentary; Rhode Island Co. Danielson Division; and R.I. Co. Pawtucket Lines (1912).

Harold H. Young - 101 Stuart Place, Ednam Forest - Charlottesville, VA 22901

TRADE 5 TT/PT my choice for Personal Tokens 116 F G, 305 F to P, 412 G H I, 461 B, 953 B, 1111 D. Nov. & Oct. trades still good.

Joe Studebaker - 2614 Legare St. - Beaufort, SC 29902

PA. CELLULOIDS FOR SALE: Pa 495 G for \$3; 495 H for \$6. The set for \$8.00.

Bernard Yagodich - 82 K Street - Johnstown, PA 15906

FOR SALE (check my ad last month's Fare Box as 95% of them still available) Mo 440 W for 60¢. TRADE for similar items such as 997's, 998's, 1000's & fantasies: Cal 998 F; Mass 998 K; NJ 998 E; only 15 of each struck. Also these fantasies available in trade: Pa #1, #2 (page 642 in Cat.) Also fantasy #1 & #2 in "Coffee Red Supplement 1973" page 30; and AMRT Group 101 J and 2 vars. of 101 K, find these in 12/74 F.B.

John G. Nicolosi - 3002 Galindo Street - Oakland, CA 94601

FOR SALE: 50 TT's all diff. for \$6.50 prepaid & insured. Need MI common TT's.

Paul Thompson - 1805 Lyons Ave. - Lansing, MI 48910

WOODEN NICKELS FOR SALE: (no trades) "Good For a 10¢ Cup of Coffee at Sambo's / Anywhere / Wichita Falls, Texas" Rev: "What This Country Needs is a Good 10¢ Cup of Coffee / Sambo's Has it." 50¢ each postpaid.

Andrew Morgan - P.O. Box 1268 - Wichita Falls, TX 76307

FOR TRADE: ILL 3150 B for an equal cat. value U.S. TT that I need. One trade. No lists please. = Philip Mandel - 131 S. Harvey Ave. - Oak Park, IL 60302

BEST CASH OFFER + P & I: NC 950 A and OH 165 N.

Littlefield - 4841 Hannover - St. Louis, MO 63123

TT's FOR SALE AT 25¢ EACH + POSTAGE: DC 500 C S T V; PR 640 A. Also the following PT's for sale at 45¢ + postage: CA 3090 A, 3835 B, 3845 A. For a great 1976: 'Keep your heart clean - Keep your mind free from worry - Keep your body in condition and keep out of other people's affairs!' Happy New Year!

Claude G. Thompson - 3757 Kipling Ave. So. - Minneapolis, MN 55416

I RECENTLY ACQUIRED 6 [Municipal Parking Lot / Downtown Anderson (S.C.) Merchants 25¢ Redeemable] tokens used 15-20 years ago. Will trade for S.C. tokens I need. Also will trade NC 980 C for SC 490 C and SC 450 E for SC 500 C.

Randy Chambers - Box 1026 - Gaffney, SC 29340

PARKING TOKENS, 40 diff., only \$6.80 prepaid. Free lists. Include SASE for my personal token. = Bill Williges - Box 445 - Wheatland, CA 95692

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Bud Nelson - 1418 Rebecca Drive - Rockford, IL 61107

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